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> let me clarify that among the most obvious manifestations of victory, we consider steadfastness on objectives and principles to be the foremost. This implies not changing your objectives or bargaining over principles.
>
> *Sheikh Abu Mus'ab Abdul-Wadood*

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## EDITOR'S LETTER

In the midst of this great war between Muslims and the Crusaders, came the call from each party to confront one another. And Sheikh Usâma (May Allah have Mercy upon him) led the call directed towards the Muslims, which trembled the earth and terrorized the leaders of kufr, led by America.

And the call of truth stirred up the Muslim Ummah to rise and defend its land, people, sanctities and religion.

From among them, was the call directed towards the Muslims in the West to carry their responsibility and duty towards this great religion. And their motto was still the same, ﴿Then fight in the cause of Allah, you are not tasked (held responsible) except for yourself, and incite the believers, it may be that Allah will restrain the evil might of the disbelievers. And Allah is Stronger in Might and Stronger in punishing.﴾[4:84]

And upon these calls came Inspire Magazine, founded by Sheikh Anwar Al-Awlâki (May Allah have Mercy upon him), reminding the Muslims in the West upon the obligation their religion has placed upon them - the obligation of fighting Jihad against oppression.

Militarily the magazine has presented various methods and ways of inflicting damage towards the enemy, these included simple easy to design tools. So as to achieve the desired goal, which is to allow a large scope of Muslims in the west to be able to implement and apply these methods.

In continuation upon this policy, we present to you the 17th issue of Inspire, devoted to targeting trains, specifically by derailing them from the tracks using a simple tool. And for the first time we present to you a simple way in designing this derail tool. If implemented, it can greatly affect and damage the enemy in multiple ways.

The articles in this issue will talk extensively on this type of means of attack from different point of views; political, economic and military.

For more than a year this idea has extensively been researched by a group that has dedicated most of its efforts and time to come-up with a profound yet simple method in designing this tool. So that the Lone Mujahid can carry along with him in his fight to bring great destruction upon the west's security, military and economy — by the Help of Allah.

We now leave you with this exciting and interesting issue, which we consider to be among the most important issues of the magazine. So read and go through the details carefully.

We ask Allah to make it be beneficial to the Muslims. Ameen.

Yahya Ibrahim.


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# STATEMENT REGARDING AMERICA'S RAID IN QAIFA

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessings be on the most honorable of the Prophets and messengers.

American forces committed a heinous massacre against Muslims in Yemen when they raided a village in Qaifa, central Yemen. As a result, dozens were killed, including a large number of children and women. The American soldiers shot the children and women in cold blood and unleashed their dogs upon the dead bodies — a scene that shows how devoid they are of any humanity.

We offer our condolences to our Muslim brothers in general and to the honourable and proud tribes of Qaifa for the loss of these martyrs who fell at the hands of the crusade America. The tribes in Qaifa have made huge sacrifices for Islam and Jihad. And we say unto them, it is for Allah what He took and for Him what He gave and everything has its worth infront of Him. So do not grieve nor despair, for your martyrs are your pride and the pride of every Muslim, and they are your honourable delegation to Allah.

This criminal raid came a few days after the American President Trump took power, thus confirming to the world that America is still the bearer of the banner of criminality against the oppressed in the world. And that America persists on targeting Muslims and attacking women and children in the most heinous of ways. What is happening in Yemen today is but a portion of what is happening to our brothers in Palestine at the hands of the Jews, who have long been supported by America. What is happening in Yemen today is but a small portion of what has befallen our brothers in Afghanistan, Waziristan and Iraq. They are a continuation of violations and crimes driven by an all-encompassing hatred for every honourable and proud Muslim who seeks the freedom of Islam, the justice of *Shari'ah*. Allah says:﴿They shall keep fighting you until they turn you away from your faith, as much as they can﴾[2:218]. True was Allah when He said: ﴿And never will the Jews or the Christians approve of you until you follow their religion﴾ [2:120].

This raid in Qaifa is a continuation of an American campaign that has been going on for months, particularly targeting the Mujahideen in al-Baydh . The Americans seek to empty this area from the presence of the Mujahideen so that the Houthi can control it after the Mujahideen had repelled their advance for almost two years. This clearly proves to all that there is mutual assistance between America and the Houthi. As the Americans engage in aerial bombings, the Houthis attempt a ground advance on the areas where the Mujahideen are in *ribat* (station points). This has been the norm for the past two years in *Radaa'* and in the area of *Mafraq al-Sa'eed* - Shabwah. Indicating America's latent intentions to serve the Houthi and empower them on the ground.

And with this respect, we reassure our Muslim brothers that these attacks will never sway the Mujahideen, with Allah's assistance, from honoring the obligation of repelling the aggression of the invaders and fighting against their aggression. Such American idiocy will only strengthen the Mujahideen's entrenchment among their honourable brothers and tribes throughout Yemen. So blood for blood and destruction for destruction. And we bear witness to Allah that we will not forsake any Muslim for as long as there is in us a vein that has a pulses.

In light of this painful event, we bring glad tidings to the Muslims. Telling them that American soldiers have tasted the mettle of the Mujahideen in this failed operation. The heroes of Islam and the sons of Qaifa confronted them and clashed with them for two whole hours, and they shot down an Apache helicopter, with the admission by the enemy. They also killed a number of soldiers and wounded others. The Americans returned with shame, humiliation and the despicable crime in which they poured all their anger and hatred on children and women without mercy or pity. They burned two children in the cradle, which is proof of their sheer criminality and the immensity of their revenge.

We urge the honest journalists, activists, rights defenders and the free people all over the world to distribute the images that prove the crime of the Americans in this latest battle. We urge them to expose these atrocities, because exposing these crimes to the public opinion contributes to repulsing the aggressor instead of letting them do it in the dark.

We say to the protector of the Cross, America that by committing these crimes you are only increasing the anger of Muslims against you. With these actions, you are only increasing the persistence of the Mujahideen to fight you and to harm you.

War is what you see, not what you hear.

Our last prayer is that all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula



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### MICHAEL HORTON , CTC SENTINEL

The war has acted as a catalyst for the organization's evolution. AQAP is now focused on implementing a more covert strategy that allows it to expand its ties to local communities and to further enmesh itself within some forces battling the Houthis and their allies. These deepening ties with local communities and anti-Houthi forces mean that AQAP will be even more resilient and more difficult to combat.

### TREVOR AARONSON, THE INTERCEPT

(the FBI) needed a recruiting strategy for Muslims... The bureau chose to widen its net in Muslim communities by looking past those with known links to criminal enterprises to individuals who simply wanted to remain in the united states. Many of these people have been targeted (recruited) not because of anything they have done, but merely because the bureau sees them as potential sources of intelligence on other members of their community.

If they have immigration problems, then that becomes a key pressure point. Potential Muslim recruits are offered a variation on the bureau's line to mobsters: *Hey, would you rather work for us or be deported?*

### ERIC SCHMITT, THE NEW YORK TIMES

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, the group's branch in Yemen, has long been seen by American intelligence and counterterrorism officials as among the most dangerous branches of the global terrorist network, and the one posing the most immediate threat to United States territory. The group's leaders have sought in at least three cases to detonate bombs hidden aboard American commercial jetliners.

### GAO REPORT,

The size and diversity of the freight rail system make it difficult to adequately secure. The freight rail system's extensive infrastructure crisscrosses the nation and extends beyond our borders to move millions of tons of freight each day. There are over 100,000 miles of rail in the United States. The extensiveness of the infrastructure creates an infinite number of targets for terrorists.

Protecting freight rail assets from attack is made more difficult because of the tremendous variety of freight hauled by railroads. ... The transport of hazardous materials is of particular concern because serious incidents involving these materials have the potential to cause widespread disruption or injury. In 2001, over 83 million tons of hazardous materials were shipped by rail in the United States across the rail network, which extends through every major city as well as thousands of small communities.

### ABIGAIL R. ESMAN , AUTHOR '*Radical State: How Jihad Is Winning Over Democracy in the West*' - IPT NEWS,

Such an attack (on trains), if large enough, could be devastating. While air traffic remains substantial, five times as many people ride trains as fly in the United States, and in Europe, the rapid, efficient and low-cost trains often offer the best transportation options between countries, especially in an era of long airport security lines and early check-ins. Moreover, freight shipments, including highly toxic industrial chemicals, travel the same routes as passenger trains, frequently passing through densely populated areas. Because of this situation, the Council on Foreign Relations reported in 2007 that former White House Deputy Homeland Security Adviser Richard Falkenrath considered such trains **"the single greatest danger of a potential terrorist attack in our country today."'**

### REP. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY ,

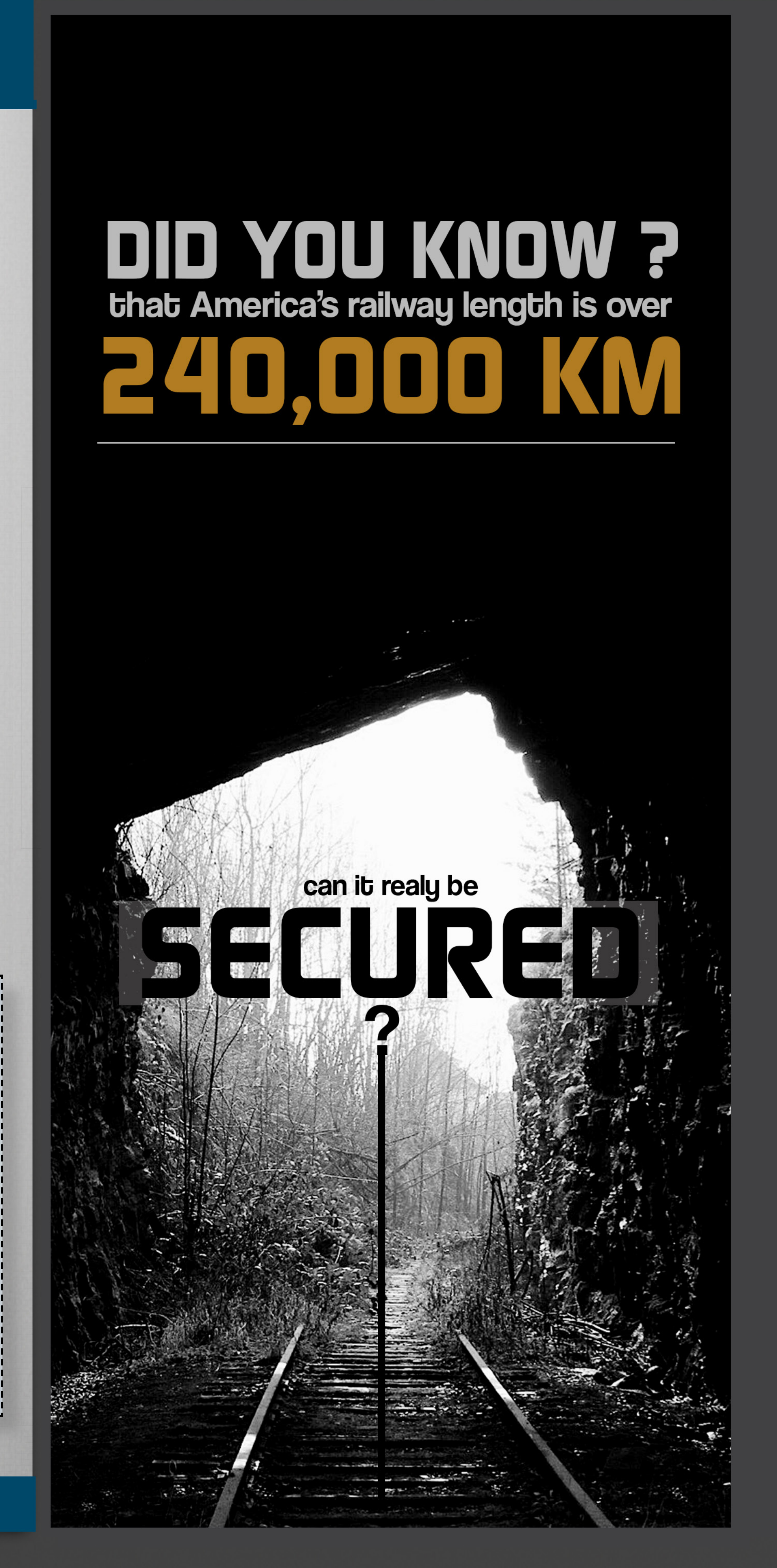
It is not an answer to say that the system is safe now, or that we're going to improve the (rail) cars eventually, because right now, today, we are highly vulnerable to a terrorist attack on one of these oil trains and the result could be catastrophic

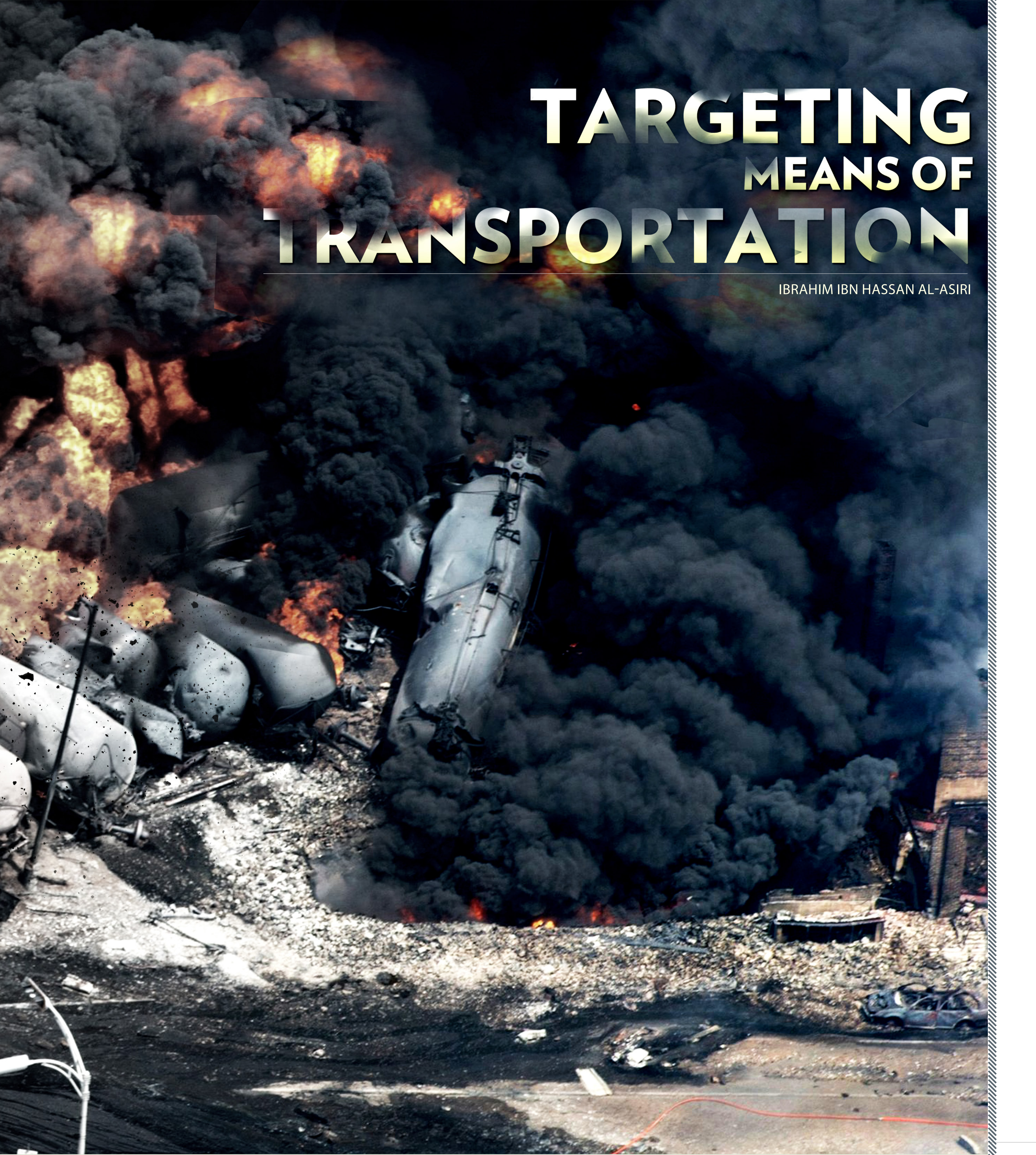
### EBEN KAPLAN, CFR.

The abundance of passengers, combined with the need for easy access, makes securing passenger railways a daunting task. Absolute security can never be achieved, and experts caution against extreme security measures, which they say would disrupt how transportation systems function while offering no guarantee against attack.

### NUMB3RS SP3AK LOUD3R

- **5.6 MILLION** passengers ride the New York subway daily.
- **15,000** trains cross France everyday, passing through **3000** stations.
- **3.5 BILLION** trips on intercity trains, commuter rails, and subways are made by Americans each year.
- Homeland security estimates that a chlorine gas tank incident (from a train) in a densely populated area can kill up to **17,500** people and injure more than **10,000**





# TARGETING MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

IBRAHIM IBN HASSAN AL-ASIRI

Modern means of transportation are considered to be the lifeblood of our civil life. Unlike before, when people lived simple lives away from the hustles of our modern times, transportation has become more sophisticated and advanced than ever before. Previously animals were enough to cater for man's needs in trade and transportation. Today, due to man and civilization, the industrial revolution has risen to new and higher-levels in pace and ability to produce more. With the invention of machine, man's lifestyle changed and this lifestyle became the norm of the day in his life. And with this accelerated progress in knowledge, he was able to surpass the speed of sound times over. And now man aspired to go beyond and reach the surface of any other planet out there. It is the world of fast communication and transportation.

Benefiting from his new-found fast means of communications, he integrated it in his daily life - especially in trade and military development. It radically affected the pace and ability of wars, strategies and tactics. Unlike before, we now see a single battlefield being extended to hundreds of kilometers, whereas before it was only about a few kilometers.

The industrial and scientific revolution came at a time when Muslims were weak and the west was in authority, this revolution was void of the very basics of morality. They mainly used this new-found knowledge to attain power. And so the great countries that had control of this knowledge exploited its powers to impose authority militarily, economically and culturally.

After the Second World War, two powers emerged, the Soviet Union and the United States of America. Both used science to develop in the field of communications and pace of transportation services, so as to serve in its way of life, ideologies and theories.

The Soviet Union propagated its socialist economic system and communist ideology in most parts of the world. While America and its western allies propagated its capitalist system, secular doctrines and democratic ideas across the globe.

Two different ideas became dominant in the world and in all aspects of daily life; the work structure, personal and public ownership. It affected how life and the world in general was viewed and also had an impact in the fields of war and economics. Both powers benefited from the means of communication and transportation via satellites, broadcasting stations and other means in order to spread their cultures and ideas.

After the Soviet Union's disintegration, America became dominant and thus benefited from the fast means of communications and transportation. They began imposing authority and extending its control in all corners of the world, so as to consolidate its global empire.

In the early nineties, the term 'globalization' emerged – it generally meant that the world has become a small village. This meant that the world was being brought closer due to the fast means of transportation and communication. A much broader meaning of this term is that the world is to be under a single dominant global system – and this is the concept of political globalization i.e. one system led by America and backed by the western countries. And this system imposed capitalism to other countries. But, a more serious definition of globalization is that it uproots a peoples culture and in-turn impose its own culture upon them.

America started spreading its culture and ideals across the globe via the mass media, press and the internet. Sugar-coating these values with attractive names such as justice, freedom and equality, in order to make them much more appealing to people. But, as the days pass and through globalization itself, the reality of these values were exposed. What was once being propagated as 'good values' in the media became apparent to all; thanks to globaliza-

tion itself. America's justice was exposed in Afghanistan, Iraq and other areas where masses of innocent people were killed because of its 'justice'. Another face of America's morals and values revealed itself in the form of laws legislated to legalize sexual deviation as a proud American value. When a president comes out joyfully to proudly legislate these perversions, lighting up the walls of the Whitehouse with their perverted rainbow symbols indicating that they have adopted these morals. This collapse in morals and values, which is generally rejected in nature, all religions and denied by medical doctors and psychologists; has exposed the concealed nature of globalization and the reality of American democratic values.

## ► Economic Globalization

When talking about Economic Globalization, then we should point out that it is stemmed out from Capitalism. Capitalism spread from Europe to America. It is based upon the free market, and does not have any check in morality or have any pity upon the weak nor the poor. It feeds and satisfies the greed of the rich, making them richer and the poor poorer; letting society plunge into extreme poverty. America, the flag bearer of this system, has supported it through its companies which are widespread across the globe. Therefore, political influence brought in an economic reality. And the greed in economic growth called for having influence and power. And we should not only view power as a solid military might, but know that it has many cunning and deceptive forms. This is the soft-power, and the hand of authority which is possessed by a small gang from among the big countries, through a connected economic conglomeration and the power of monopolistic companies that govern the entire world cunningly and in secrecy.

When different companies around the world moved to a globalized system and entered into the free market, they were not able to survive in the face of big Western capital holders and speculators. Therefore, entering into a system ruled and dominated by one state - thus an economic suicide.

When some countries saw their economy deteriorating to the stage before recession, they went on seeking help and consultation from the International Monetary Fund. This increased their setback and calamity, because they started borrowing from International Banks, which overburdened them with endless debts and multiplied interest that made it impossible to repay. Therefore, they became tied with heavy debts that sucked its local resources and return them to deficit, and therefore the people become poorer. While the superpowers, headed by America, took control. Its companies took control of the public resources. The world thus remained dominated by these superpowers while all other third world countries, as they call them, remained poor under the mercy of America and its allies.

Our current complex world, its sophistication and the great intertwining between different fields is an outcome of the progress in science and industrial revolution, especially in the field of fast communication and transportation.; and as a result of wars and culture. And this is the image and structure of the world today.

When we look at the factors and points of strength in globalization - leaving out the thought that we cannot overcome and defeat them - we will find that the reality is entirely different. Whoever critically looks at these factors will find in between them many destructive weak points, and whoever takes advantage of these weak points will be able to strike it on a deadly spot. The international system is large, complex, extensive and interwoven in many functions. This kind of structure is a point of strength, but at the same time it is a pivotal point of weakness. This is because the structure of this system is like a chain, if one ring is broken the whole system falls. The most important link of this chain that should be broken, is security. And operations that can serve this goal are numerous and wide spread; such as targeting American companies investing in countries abroad, isolating them from the country they invest in. These operations will target the security of their economy.
As for us, we will be focusing on targeting means of transportation. We will explain more on this, which is part of the general policy of targeting the ring of security in the chain.

Civilian and military transportation, communication and daily civil activities of people around the world depend on security. Military activities and movements are always accompanied by high security and protection, we will therefore obviously focus on the enemy's civilian transportation around the world i.e. the movement of their people and goods, that keeps the globalization wheel constantly on the move. It is important to note that economic globalization is not only based upon communication and movement of goods, commodities and raw materials; but by the movement and travel of people around the world, which also has a wide and important economic impact. Such as the tourism industry. Targeting tourists in a country drastically damages this industry in that particular country; the reason being obvious - the absence of security. Another example is when businesspersons and investors fear visiting an insecure country, this makes them look for other countries which they deem safer.

When referring to transportation we refer to air, sea and ground transportation - both local and international. Jihad groups and organizations may have the ability to target international means of transportation. As for the Lone Mujahid, his abilities may be limited to targeting internal means of transportation of a country. And it is possible for him to draw a comprehensive plan so as to execute such kind of operations.

Today's means of transportation differ from one another with regards to speed, capabilities and cost. Airplanes are generally the fastest means of transportation with many passenger opting it. It is also used in transporting small quantities of goods. On the other side, ships are distinguished with their capabilities to transport heavy bulky loads. Even though it is the slowest, it is considered to be the international choice when it comes to transporting bulky loads around the world. As for trains, they had become the most used transportation means in some European countries. In America, trains are considered to be among the most important means of transportation within the country i.e. between cities and its outskirts, and from one city to another, especially when transporting freight. Normal busses, trams and trolley busses are used in Europe and America for transportation within the cities and its outskirts. All these means of transportation indicate that the world and the civilian life are very dependant on them. And what becomes apparent is that it is too difficult to protect these means of transportation. And here is where we find its vulnerability - means of transportation today are considered to be a weak point which we must focus on. Previously Inspire magazine discussed on targeting airplanes, presenting means that will realize our goal of *'cutting the nerve and isolating the head from the body'*. In this issue we will discuss and focus on targeting trains.

And here arises a question:

## ► What is specifically targeted in Transportation?

Three things can be targeted:
1 – The Vehicle itself used for transportation.
2 – Its line of transport and pathway.
3 – Stations, terminals or transit points.

### 1. Targeting the vehicle (the actual means of transport).

This refers to the actual means of transport i.e. planes, ships, trains, buses and others. Targeting them is considered to be the greatest of the three with respect to impact. Such operations require one to overcome security obstacles placed to protect the transport vehicle. An example is Umar Farouk's operation. He was able to board the American plane. And even though the plane did not explode, he managed to pass through the tight security measures. And this fact has left the threat to stay real to this day, leaving the operation a physical and moral success. Another example is Ramzi Yousef's operation, which he tried to detonate multiple American airplanes. Another example is the Limburg and USS Cole bombings. Despite the USS Cole being a military target, which in itself has its own goals and achievements in war, it clearly affected and influenced the economic security. This is because



An example of the first type of target, in Transportation
*- Targeting the vehicle (the actual means of transport).*

whoever is capable of targeting military ships, was capable of targeting commercial ships with great ease. Other operations of this kind include the 7/7



Metro bombings in London.

## 2. Targeting the lines and pathways used in transportation.

This is in two forms;

- The first type:

Disrupting the mainline or pathway where the vehicle passes on, by destroying it. For example destroying some of the railroad lines so as to delay the movement or destroying the sea lanes to keep them closed up.

- The second type

Targeting the route so as to damage the main transport vehicle. For example, destroying a railroad minutes before the train arrives, so as to derail the train in order to destroy it or targeting civilian or commercial airplanes passing through a specific airway by anti-aircraft rocket launchers or by deploying a number of sea mines in a sea-lane to target a ship. This kind of targeting in general has lesser impact than the previous one.

## 3. The third type is targeting the transportation stations

An Example of this is the operation which targeted the train station in Madrid. Many passengers were killed even before boarding the train. Another example is the Belgium attack which targeted the airport terminal.

These types of operations, that target stations, are considered to be the least vulnerable to danger and impact compared to the other two. But they directly affect the security of transportation. What distinguishes them from the other types is that they have to overcome few security measures.

Our brothers in Inspire Magazine will present to you in this issue an easy method for targeting trains using the second type of targeting means of transportation (Targeting the lines and pathways used in transportation).

The following are the effects and consequences caused by targeting means of transportation, either directly or indirectly:

1. There will be a state of terror, fear and lack of security among the masses. And this is because of:
a. The targeted areas are public infrastructure, used by people from all classes and walks of life at all times. The daily routine surrounding it makes it impossible to be rid of.
b. The large numbers and numerous types of means of transportation will always set an environment of looming danger everywhere.
c. Difficult to cover all security loopholes. Doing so will mean halting all the necessary daily civilian activities, such procedures might be the same as security measures placed during pandemics.
d. The existence of tough security measures in all public arenas and the transportation sector increases the feeling of insecurity and fear among the people. This is because in cases of emergency and increased searches, security officers deal with people in a manner that make them feel a sense of danger and therefore makes them respond to these tough procedures placed by the government by being extra cautious and take quick precautions to inform the government in cases of any real threat. It is no doubt that all these create an environment of fear.

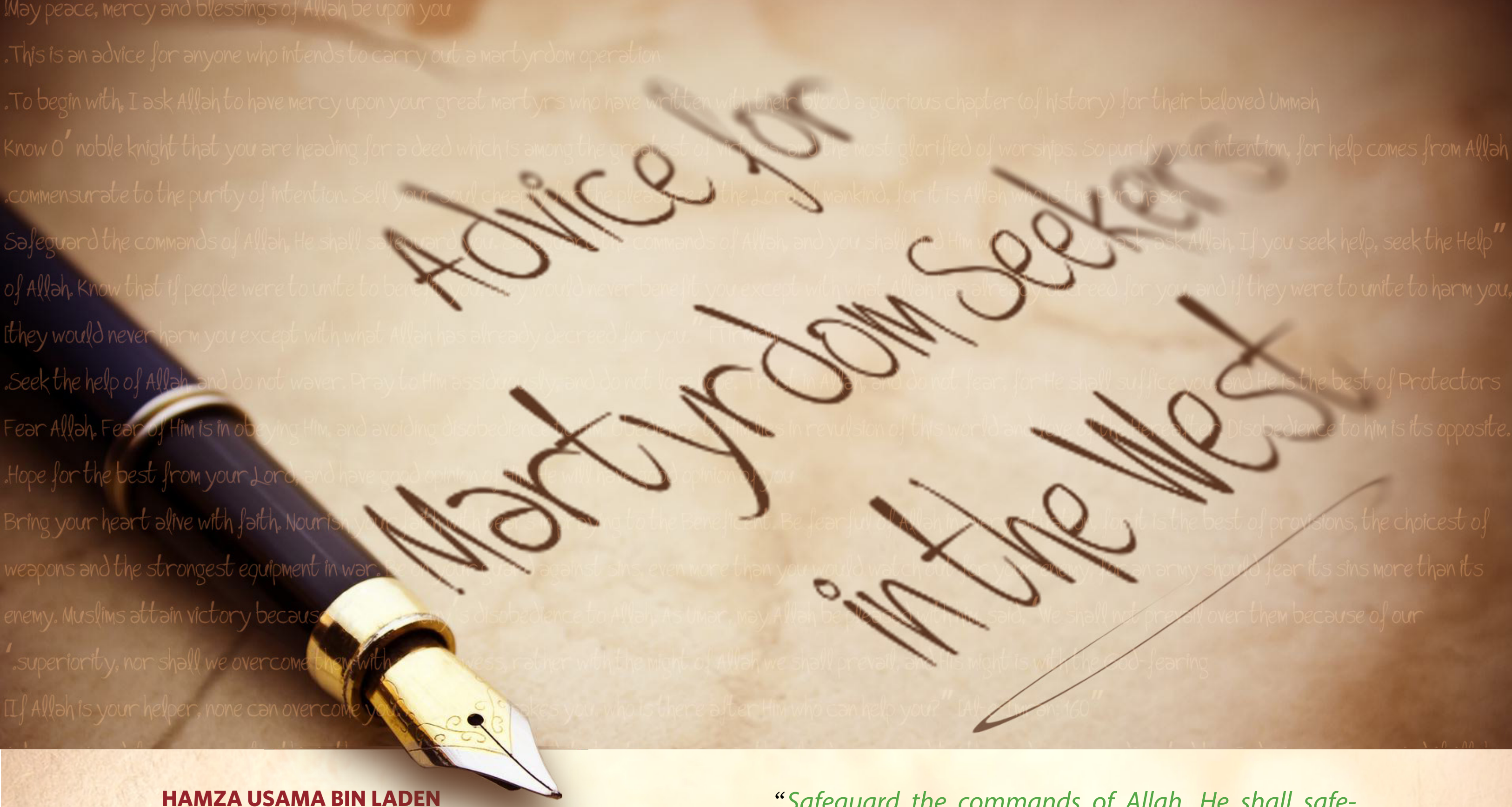
2. These operations will damage the security of the economy by directly exhausting the economy. Here are some important points that explain the causes of the exhaustion of the economy.
a. The security measures that would be placed so as to cover the loophole which allowed an operation to succeed in the first place. These measures include increase in security forces and labor hours, purchasing sophisticated equipment, establishing new special units to specifically face these threats and reinforcing counter intelligence efforts to disrupt any attempt of another attack whatsoever.
b. Insurance companies increase their rates with the increase in risk.
c. Loss incurred in the target vehicle itself (Train, airplane etc.), E.g. The cost of a single plane is millions of dollars.
d. Some transport companies may get into bankruptcy if targeted regularly and are unable to secure themselves, this will make people seize using such a company for their transportation needs.

These are the most important consequences that may accompany these kind of operations.

On the other hand, here are some features and characteristics of these kinds of operations:

1. Means of transportation have extensive and multiple targets that are widespread and open to access with varying degree of security, increasing the opportunity for a successful operation.
2. The capability to infiltrate the security measures placed by all means of transportation. With little resources, it is possible to achieve great results, this is, if the operations is well executed and planned.
3. The results of these kind of operations are disastrous to the economy, especially if they occur regularly.
4. Gives the Lone Mujahid the ability to carry out a large scale operation using these types of small resourced operations.
5. It is difficult for the authorities to secure all security loopholes in these operations.
6. The ability to use different kinds of weapons, and ways to subdue the enemy according to the conditions and circumstances at hand.

After this quick review, in which we show the importance of focusing on specific kinds of targets, I urge my Mujahideen brothers everywhere, especially the Lone Jihad heroes; I say to them: Target America, by Allah they are in a great predicament. They cannot get out of it and cannot find real solutions to its problems beyond its borders. We see them laying alternative plans to their wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and other places; making alliances after being unable to fight the war all alone. This state of weakness appears clearly in one of Obama's speeches in which he said "globalization is still standing". Trying to imply that America is still a dominant power. What makes Obama declare this is the weakness that is overshadowing America. The U.S. laid a fifteen-year plan in which it raised the debt, lowered interest rates and reduced military expenditure, which will continue for many years to come. America today is refreshing its efforts to revive its economy. And we should continue to focus our efforts against it until the world gets rid of this international system led by America, and until Muslims enjoy freedom to practice their faith, freedom to apply the Laws of Allah and until Muslims secure themselves, wealth and resources from the hands of America.




**HAMZA USAMA BIN LADEN**

All praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah, the Guardian of the righteous, and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger, may peace be upon him, his family and all his Companions.

To the valiant heroes of Islam In America, the West, and in Occupied Palestine. May peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you!

This is an advice for anyone who intends to carry out a martyrdom operation.

To begin with, I ask Allah to have mercy upon your great martyrs who have written with their blood a glorious chapter (of history) for their beloved Ummah.

Know O' noble knight that you are heading for a deed which is among the greatest of virtues, and the most glorified of worships. So purify your intention, for help comes from Allah commensurate to the purity of intention. Sell your soul cheaply for the pleasure of the Lord of mankind, for it is Allah who is the Purchaser.

"*Safeguard the commands of Allah, He shall safeguard you. Safeguard the commands of Allah, and you shall find Him with you. If you ask, ask Allah. If you seek help, seek the Help of Allah. Know that if people were to unite to benefit you, they would never benefit you except with what Allah has already decreed for you, and if they were to unite to harm you, they would never harm you except with what Allah has already decreed for you.*" [Tirmidhi]

Seek the help of Allah, and do not waver. Pray to Him assiduously, and do not lose hope. Trust in Allah, and do not fear, for He shall suffice you, and He is the best of Protectors.

Fear Allah. Fear of Him is in obeying Him, and avoiding disobedience to Him. Obedience to Him lies in revulsion of this world and love of the Hereafter. Disobedience to him is its opposite. Hope for the best from your Lord, and have good opinion of Him, He will have good opinion of you.

Bring your heart alive with faith. Nourish your faith with tears in praying to the Beneficent. Be fearful of Allah in every situation, for it is the best of provisions, the choicest of weapons and the strongest equipment in war. Be on your guard against sins, even more than you would watch out for your enemy, for an army should fear its sins more than its enemy. Muslims attain victory because of their enemy's disobedience to Allah. As Umar, may Allah be pleased with him, said, '*We shall not prevail over them because of our superiority, nor shall we overcome them with our prowess, rather with the might of Allah we shall prevail, and His might is with the God-fearing.*'

﴾If Allah is your helper, none can overcome you. And if He forsakes you, who is there after Him who can help you?﴿ [3: 160]

Ask your Lord for success, for this is the secret of success and its best companion. As the clouds are moved by the winds, men are directed by God-given success. And if Allah guides you to success, He shall never abandon you to your self. Make patience the pinnacle of your faith, and absolute belief in him its spirit, and take the company of Allah as your reinforcement. Remember the saying of Allah: "And when the two hosts saw each other, the Companions of Musa said, ﴾We are sure to be overtaken.' Musa said, 'Never! Verily with me is my Lord, He will guide me'.﴿ [42: 61-63]

Increase your remembrance of Allah, and invoke this zikr often, 'There is no help or power except from Allah.'

Follow in the footsteps of martyrdom-seekers before you. Pick off from where they left, for this will help you. Don't underestimate yourself, nor belittle your work, for how many professionally executed individual operations in the West outweighed numerous operations in the East.

Avenge for your Deen, for your Prophet (ﷺ) for the children of al-Shaam, for the widows of Palestine, for the free honorable women of Iraq, for the orphans of Afghanistan, and enter thus the highest gardens of Paradise. Exercise patience and deliberation, for it is among the qualities loved by Allah and His Messenger(ﷺ). Accomplish your goals with secrecy. Attain the highest level of perfection in your actions, exercise utmost care and caution, and prepare diligently to inflict crippling losses on those who have disbelieved. It is possible for you to benefit from the Inspire Magazine in this regard. Be perfect in your choice of targets, so that you may damage your enemies more. Be professional in your choice of weapons. It is not necessary that it should be a military tool. If you are able to pick a firearm, well and good; if not, the options are many.

Follow in the footsteps of martyrdom-seekers before you. Pick off from where they left, for this will help you. Don't underestimate yourself, nor belittle your work, for how many professionally executed individual operations in the West outweighed numerous operations in the East.

Perhaps you are longing for emigration. Perhaps you yearn for sacrifice in the battlefields. Know that inflicting punishment on Jews and Crusaders where you are present is more vexing and severe for the enemy. It is sharper than a hundred warheads directed against their agents. Make your thrust forceful and heal your heart by fighting and obliterating them.

## PRIORITIZE THE FOLLOWING TARGETS:

► Everyone who transgresses against our pure Religion, or against our beloved Prophet (ﷺ). Next, look out for Jewish interests everywhere.

► If you are unable to find these, target American Crusaders.

► If you are unable to go for American Crusaders, target the interests of the Crusader member states of NATO.

► And since Russia has forgotten what it tasted

in Chechnya and Afghanistan, and has returned once again to interfere in matters concerning Islam, do not exclude it from your targets of priority. Give Russia a pertinent reminder of the days of your predecessors.

I strongly advise that the message you intend to convey through your blessed operation must be explained unequivocally in the media. It is absolutely imperative that people should know the objective of your operation.

We in al-Qa'eda emphasize the importance of conveying the following messages to Western states, and we advise you to do the same:

1. Our Religion and our Prophet (ﷺ) are RED LINES. Let those who cross these lines take heed from Charlie Hebdo.

2. Palestine is a cause of our Islamic Ummah. And anyone who supports Jewish occupiers shall never dream of peace, with the permission of Allah.

3. Shaam is a cause of our Islamic Ummah. Our people in Shaam are faced with genocide. And everyone who participates in tormenting them with bombings or by aiding Bashaar and his allies shall not escape punishment.

4. Our lands are occupied. The Land of the Two Sanctuaries is occupied. We shall continue to target you until you withdraw your forces from the Arabian Peninsula and from every single land of Islam.

5. Our airspace is violated by your aircrafts which unleash their deadly payload on our children. Our wealth and resources are expropriated every single day.

And thus we shall deal with you reciprocally until you stop interfering in our affairs.

These messages must be conveyed with our operations.

Once you have selected your target, engage in its reconnaissance. Gather as much information about your target as possible, and adopt an appropriate cover for this work. Your reconnaissance should not arouse the least suspicion, so that you may silently observe the enemy's forces and its weak points. Know your target inside out, so that you may inflict damage far beyond anything the enemy has ever imagined.

Take care of yourself. Take time to relax sufficiently before the operation, so that your performance is optimum and your alertness level high, for excessive thoughts and spending nights awake hamper one's abilities in the field.
If Allah gives you the chance to overcome your enemy, make appropriate use of the element of surprise. Take lead in inflicting losses, attacking the jugular of the enemy and hitting its joints. The greatest gains are made in the opening salvo, so make best use of it.

Having read these instructions, be self-assured, composed. Hope for the best from Allah, for you are from the Army of the Beneficent, heading to meet the Almighty, the Giver. He has promised you the highest gardens of Paradise, and can there be any reward for your beneficence except Beneficence?

Put your trust in Allah. You are on the Truth if you abide by the judicious Shariah. Set out in the name of Allah, with the blessings of Allah, for you are amongst the successful ones, with His permission.

Your virtuous actions are for the sake of Allah, and from Allah is your reward.

Be generous with your life, even if the miser is stingy with it

For giving one's life is the zenith of generosity
May Allah give victory to you, assist you, guide you and be with you, for He is your Patron, and from Him help is sought.

The meeting is in Jannah, Allah-willing.

And our last prayer is that all praise belongs to the Lord of the Worlds.

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# ANALYZING LONE JIHAD OPERATIONS

| | ORLANDO OPERATION | NIECE OPERATION | 9/17 OPERATIONS | WESTMINSTER OPERATION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Country | America | France | America | Britain |
| Name of Executor | U'mar Sideeq Mateen | Muhammad Al-Huwayj | Ahmad Khan Raheemy & Dhahir A'dan | Khalid Masoud |
| Target Priority | First Priority. | Third Priority. | First Priority. | Second Priority. |
| Inspire Guide Edition | 1st | 2nd | 4th | 5th |
| Means of Targeting | Firearm | Truck & Firearm | Explosives & Knife | Car & Knife |
| Fatalities | 50 | 84 | ---- | 5 |
| Strengths | 1. Using means available at hand. 2. Simple Operation 3. Operation was performed on an enclosed area, thus favouring taking hostages. 4. Killed many of the trapped hostages, due to the enclosed space. 5. The executor was proficient in using firearms. | 1. The executor used a new means to execute the operation, and thus had the element of surprise. 2. His means of execution realized many fatalities. 3. He incorporated two means of attack; ramming a truck in the crowd & a firearm. 4. Selected appropriate place and time for the operation. 5. Prepared his operation well. | 1. Many operations were performed on the same day. 2. The operation occurred immediately after the 9/11 remembrance ceremony. 3. Using explosives as a weapon to terrorize the enemy. 4. In Minnesota, the executor's cover was well chosen - dressed as a police officer. | 1. He used the weapon which was readily available at hand. 2. He had courage and strong-will. 3. Chose a place where the authority of the country is found. |
| Weaknesses | Targeting a specific group of people, this deviates from the actual intended message from the operation. | ---- | 1. The bomb was not placed in an area where it could have inflicted great damage to the enemy. 2. The aftermath of the operation was not properly planned. | Executing both operations at the same time ... it could have been that the ramming operation on the bridge could have jeopardized the operation in parliament. |



# WORDS OF WISDOM



## SHEYKH USAMA BIN LADEN

O my Muslim Ummah, these wars, crises and tribulations contain within them great rewards and gifts; and the wise do not just let them pass-by , but rather benefit from them. So in-front of you is a great opportunity to resist this oppression and tyranny that has for decades been upon you, both internally and externally; and so as to regain your rights by force. Those who say that the path towards regaining your rights is through the ballot boxes by portraying the Western population as an example, are deceiving you. There is no place for the ballot box in our lands, which are under the rule of arrogant tyrants except (for the purpose) of deceiving us ... so take heed O' you who perceive..

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## SHEIKH ABDALLAH AZZAM

O dear brothers, do not be discouraged by those who have no certainty in faith. And do not let *shaytan* lead you astray and deceive you away from that which Allah has guided you to. This is the path [of Jihad] which you have known, so do not turn back on your heels in a state of loss and humiliation; and do not return back to your lands thereby losing both your world and the hereafter. This is the path (of Jihad, to take), whether your mother is ill or not, or your father passes away or not. You do not discontinue your prayers or break your fast if your mother falls ill ... and similarly you do not turn away from Jihad. Advance with the blessing of Allah and persist upon your path. Do not hesitate, waver or look back, for *Janna* is in front of you. And know that *Janna* lies under the shade of the swords. Dear brothers, by Allah, a single day in this place (*ribât*) is better than the entire world and everything on it, "a day spent in ribat is better than the world and everything on it".

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## MULLAH MUHAMMAD UMAR

Our trust and confidence in Allah is great even if the entire world gathers against us, we will never forsake our principles and beliefs; and by the permission of Allah, we will never deviate from this path. We believe in our religion and we will never abandon it. For indeed the true death of a Muslim is when he abandons his religion. The true death of a Muslim is when he abandons his religion and despises it or does not implement its rulings. And the physical death is nothing in comparison to (such a) death of a Muslim when he forsakes his religion. And if it is life that we seek, then true life is in clinging on to our religion. And if we are unable to live (as Muslims) then let us die, for death is an inevitable cup which all must drink from

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## SHEYKH ABU-HAFS AL-MISRI

Remain steadfast, O slaves of Allah, and unite your efforts and join this blessed caravan so that you may be a soldiers of Allah who fights in his path and returns victory to Islam all over the world. It is an obligation upon us to return the Ummah to its rightful status once again as leaders of humanity. This is our responsibility, yes this is our responsibility

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## SHEYKH IBRAHIM RUBEISH

Usama Bin Zaid- may Allah be pleased with him- confronted a man in the battlefield, who immediately uttered the *Shahâda*, and killed him (because he thought he made the *Shahâda* for the sake of saving himself). The Prophet ﷺ addressed Usama bin Zaid by saying "What will you do with La ilâha illallâh when it comes on the Day of Resurrection". He did not depose him nor order others to keep away from him or made an address damaging his reputation. Instead, the Prophet ﷺ promoted him to be the leader of an army, and under his command were some of the greatest companions- may Allah be pleased of all.

Khâlid bin Al-Walid went on an expedition to fight some people, (he invited them to Islam but they could not express themselves by making the *Shahâda*) and they were saying to him "*Saba'na! Saba'na* (i.e., we have come out of one religion to another) . They wanted to tell him that they are Muslims, but they used a word, which Khalid misunderstood that they apostate Islam and so he started killing them. When the Prophet ﷺ knew of the incident he raised his hands and said "O Allah! I am free from what Khâlid has done."

This incident did not hinder the Prophet ﷺ from giving him the name "He is a sword among the swords of Allah" .

Among the army of the Prophet ﷺ is the one who killed himself, the one who looted from war booty and the one who drank alcohol. And the father of Hudhaifa bin Yamama was mistakenly killed in Uhud battle. And yet still you want (to see) an army more pure than this one ? The calamity we face ,my dear brother in Islam, is that we are preoccupied in following-up the mistakes of the Mujahideen, talk about them and propagate them in the media at a time when we have not presented to Islam even a tenth of what they have done. They left their wealth, relatives and homes behind and faced fear, hunger and distress while we sit at our homes among our wives and children, living a life of comfort and good health. After all that we expect the Mujahedeen to respond to us through the remote control devices (televisions etc.), otherwise we deem their Jihad as not legitimate and that it is not permissible to give them victory or support them or even supplicate for them

And when asked about the source of these mistakes, they will tell you it is a statement from the ministry of internal affairs or a news from a media channel or a reliable source told him. Don't you know that a person talked to the messenger of Allah, and he thought that he was a reliable person ... and thus Allah revealed, ﴿O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate, lest you harm a people out of ignorance and become, over what you have done, regretful﴾.

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## SHEYKH ADIL ABBAD

O Muslims, know that we are your Mujahideen brothers. We left behind our homes and loved ones so as to give victory to this religion. We heard the calls and cries of our Muslim sisters, we saw the desecration of our sanctities and pain of our children and the old. We left our homes so as to call towards *tawheed* and to fulfill the pillars of Islam and *imân* (faith). And it is shameful for one to describe us otherwise.

The current regimes have spent their wealth and efforts, imprisoning the Mujahideen so as to place a barrier between them and their duty to relieving the suffering of their brothers in Palestine, Afghanistan, the Balkans, Philippine etc. ﴾And they had no fault except that they believed in Allah, the All-Mighty, worthy of all Praise!"﴿.

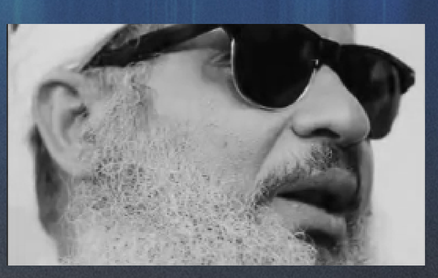
Because of all this their Jihad became the most binding of duties so as to achieve what Allah and his Prophet want. Thus praising the faithful who stood beside the Mujahideen and disparage the hypocrites. These are the hypocrites who sell their religion for a cheap price, they assist the enemies of Allah and attack the sanctities of the Mujahideen. What will such a person who allies with the enemies of Allah, fights with them, defend them and lead them to expose Muslim secrets say to his Lord during the day of Judgement. One should contemplate upon his actions before it is too late. Allah says in Quran ﴾Those who believe fight in the cause of Allah, and those who disbelieve fight in the cause of Taghut. So fight against the allies of Satan. Indeed, the plot of Satan has ever been weak﴿

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## ABU DJANAA KHURASANI

Every real revolution that has changed the reality on the ground is ignited by having firm resolute. It is the solid defence against a strong opponent, it is the investment that might initially suffer difficulties but will later on benefit its investor. As to those hesitant ones, who waver in their stances and principles, who (arrogantly and boastfully) lift themselves high in the sky and yet when they fall, they fall hard and suffer terribly. They (are useless, and) cannot change a dot or a comma in the books of history. They are temporary, feeble individuals, unworthy ... who live in a period of time and finally get extict - just as the mammoth was.



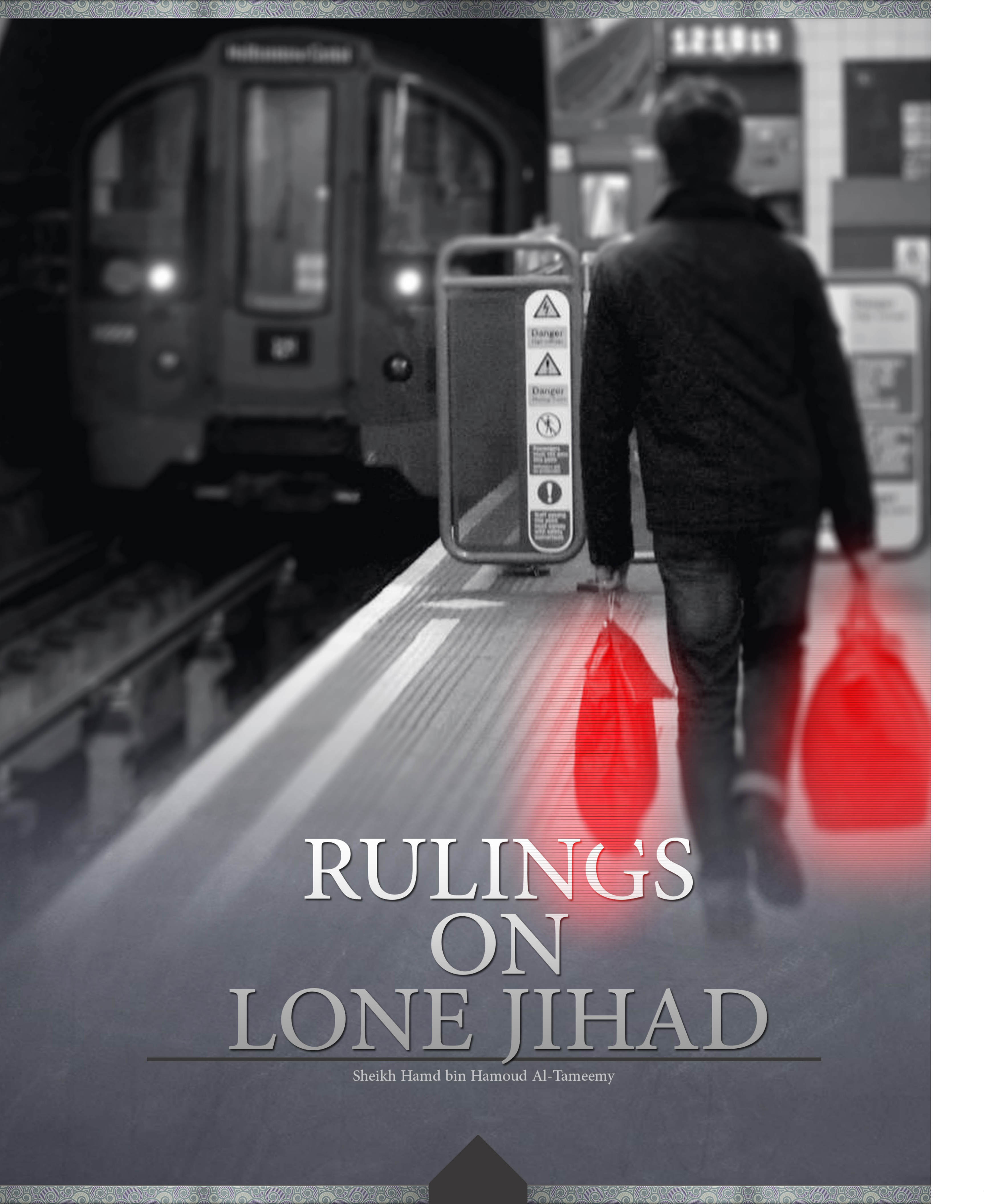
## SHEIKH UMAR ABDULRAHMAN

The Quran reports on these Jews and Christians - but we either forget or pretend to forget - , Allah says:

- ﴾And they will never cease fighting you until they turn you back from your religion if they can﴿ [2:217]
- ﴾Never will the Jews nor Christians be pleased with you till you follow their religion﴿ [2:120]
- ﴾How (Can there be such a covenant) that when you are overpowered by them, they regard not the ties, either of kinship or of covenant with you? with their mouth they please you, but their hearts are averse to you, and most of them are fâsiqûn﴿ [9:8]
- ﴾Should they gain the upper hand over you, they would behave to you as enemies, and stretch forth their hands and tongues against you with evil, and they desire that you should disbelieve﴿ [60:20]

These are the ones who fight any islamic uprising in the world. They spread fornication and *riba*, and all types of corruption in the world. O my brothers, if they were to kill me - and indeed they will- then follow up on my burial and return my body to my family ... but never forget my blood nor let it flow in vein. But rather take vengeance for me, a strong and violent one. And remember your brother who spoke the word of truth and was killed in the path of Allah.

These are some of my words, my will to you ... may Allah direct your plans and bless your operation ... may He support you, protect you, safeguard you and strengthen you. And may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon you.



# RULINGS ON LONE JIHAD

Sheikh Hamd bin Hamoud Al-Tameemy

The previous issue presented the first part of this article which talked about the term 'civilians' its scope, use, nullity and rulings. He then went on to explain the term *kuffar* (disbelievers) and explained its categories and rulings. Expounding more on *kuffar Al-Muharibin* (disbelievers at war with Muslims), which is the main focus of this topic, and he gave detailed explanations on the rulings regarding them.

This is a continuation from the previous article regarding the rulings in these matters.

## Targeting Civilians

Section 1 - Part 2

Al-Mawridi says in his book, *Al-hawi Al-kabeer* "Disbelievers are generally divided into four categories - this is after gaining victory over them - among them are the combatants, or the one who is considered a combatant even though he does not participate in the actual fight. As we have mentioned before, It is permissible for the Imam (the Muslim leader) to kill them if he chooses to do so "

Ibn Qudaamah says in *Al-kaafi*, "it is permissible to kill male combatants and non-combatants so long as they are mature (physically mature) and sane."

Al-kasaani says in *Badai' alsanai'* after mentioning who is permissible to be killed and who is not in Jihad, "Originally in Jihad, anyone (among the disbelievers who is) able to fight is permissible to be killed, whether he participated in the fight or not. And anyone besides them is not permissible to be killed, unless they participate in the battle physically, or mentally by giving advice and opinions or by motivating others to fight - and any other similar activity."

The consensus among the scholars is that it is permissible to kill the disbelievers who are at war with the Muslims (i.e. those disbelievers who are not under the protection of Muslims or have any covenant with them) even if he were to travel to Makkah. And this is (the opinion) of more than one scholar.

Imam Al-Tabari, said in his *tafsir*, "The scholars unanimously agreed that if the *mushrik* (polytheist disbeliever) were to put around his neck and hands all the trees of Mecca, it will not protect him from being killed - if he does not have any covenant or commitment of protection from the Muslims". He also mentions, "The consensus of the scholars is that, the judgement of Allah over the combatant disbeliever is to be killed, whether he came to the Kaaba or the sacred mosque in Al-Quds in the four sacred months, or in any other month ".

In addition, Ibn Katheer said, "Ibn Jareer narrated that the consensus (of scholars) agree that it is permissible to kill the disbeliever, if he has no covenant of safety, even if he came to the Kaaba or the sacred mosque in Al-Quds".

Also, Ibn Hazm said in the book of *Maratib Al-Ijma*, narrating the consensus (of scholars) regarding this matter, "that they agreed on the killing of the adults except the priests, the old

men, the blind, the sick people with chronic diseases, the wage-workers, the farmers and whoever who is not fighting before being captured."

Also, Ibn Muflih in the book, *Sharh Al-Muqni* sasy, "No *qisas* (the law of equality in punishment) should be executed upon a Muslim if he kills a combatant disbeliever and there is no disagreement (among scholars) in this ruling. Moreover, no *diya* (blood-money) or expiation should be enforced, because it (the disbeliever's blood) is *mubah* (not forbidden nor recommended) such as that of a pig".

What emphasizes this statement is what came in the book of Sunan Abu Dawud, on the authority of Rabah bin Rabee. He said "*We were in a raid, sitting with the Prophet (ﷺ) when he saw a crowd of people gathering. He sent a man and told him 'go see what are they gathering upon'. The man returned saying there is a woman that has been killed (in the raid). He said 'She was not to be killed'* ", meaning that fighting is a matter concerning men and not women. This is why the killing of women is forbidden.

On the basis of this detailed statement, all sane mature men who are able to participate in wars - except for those who are excluded - are considered as combatant on the basis of *sharia* and not civilians as stated by their modern laws. Therefore, every adult man, able to fight in America, Britain or France is a combatant, willingly or unwillingly (commonly referred to as soldiers). It is lawful to kill him, if the call of Islam has reached him, even though he does not directly participate in the fight or if his country has not initiated the fight. Verily, there is no safeguard for a combatant, i.e. if we assume that America never fought the Muslims, and there was no covenant between her and the Muslims, then it is permissible for us to initiate the war with them because it is (referred to as) a country at war (with Islam). This occurred in the time of the Prophet (ﷺ), the time of the companions and the Muslims after them. So what about today, when the western countries, such as America, Britain and France, have shown open hostilities towards Muslims. Killing millions of Muslims, and making them experience the worst of sufferings. Therefore, without a doubt, I view the man who votes for his government and pay taxes to it, to be much deserving to be described as a combatant. And therefore, his blood is more lawful than others. I have no doubt about the lawfulness of shedding the blood of the mature and sane men, who are able to fight, mainly referred to as civilians in the west; until they stop their aggression against the Muslims, and cease their constant meddling in Muslim affairs and countries. We are to fight them until there is no more *fitnah* (worshiping others beside Allah) and [until] the religion is for Allah alone. And, whomever stands to fulfill this duty, Allah will reward him in this world and obtain the excellent reward of the hereafter.

Rather, I say, targeting these so called male 'civilians' is of more gain, interest and advantage compared to military targets. Thus achieving objectives with regards to the interests of Jihad that could not be achieved when targeting military targets. Sheikh Abd Al-Aziz Altuwaylee —may Allah have Mercy upon him-, mentioned some of these goals, rebutting the arguments of those who criticize the operation of the Mujahideen and explosions in Riyadh, because it targeted civilians and not military. He said refuting their arguments and said, "as for their statement, what have these explosions achieved? They achieved much more than could have been achieved in explosions (targeting) the infidel army. And the reasons are as follows:

1. The army can easily conceal and undermine its casualties even if the news were to leak out. Operations targeting civilians are apparent, visible and the media easily covers it and the people can easily see the lifeless ruins of the buildings (after an operation).
2. When killing occurs among people who expect to be killed (attacked), then there is less damage and panic. But if the killing occurs among civilians whose blood is lawful, more terror is ignited, and we come closer in deterring and restraining them (their evil towards Muslims).
3. If these blessed operations were not executed upon civilians, then the army will be the only one terrified of such actions. But, operations that (are unpredictable) take place at any time and at any place, terrifying the enemies of Allah - constantly reminding them that they are not safe. And what more annoyance (to the enemy) is greater than this?
4. In military bases, checkpoints and barriers exist that weakens the effects of such operations, unlike residential compounds where crusaders gather and could be targeted by one major strike.

He continues arguing until he says, "therefore operations targeting civilians inflict more damage and its effect is greater among civilians than those targeting the military".

The greatest thing that Altuwalee—may Allah give him mercy- said about the advantages of targeting civilians is that it stirs up the public opinion against the Western administrations and governments and their policies. When people witness danger approaching their doorsteps and affecting them, and that disasters befall upon them regularly, they will reason out that it is due to their government's policies towards Muslims. Therefore, creating a great influence that will make them oppose their governments, and put heavy pressure on them to stop their imperialistic policies. But, if the people were secluded from wars and troubles, the matter will cease to concern them, and therefore, the issue of the Mujahideen and Muslims will become defunct, as people mostly do not care much about foreign affairs. They tend to care more about their wealth, security, providing their food, drink and residence, and entertainment that gives them pleasure. Many Westerners knew nothing about the issue of the Mujahideen, and had no idea about the affairs of the Muslims and the meddling of their governments in it, until the events of 9/11 which revived the case. And in every operation that civilians are targeted, the case is revived and many people are acquainted. After the incidents, they automatically ask themselves, why are they doing this? What do they want from such operations?

As for the non-combatants and those who are not associated with the people of war, they are all considered not able to fight or excluded from fighting due to their nature or any other reason forbidding them to be associated with the people of war. They are divided into two:

1. First division: Those who are prohibited to be killed by the consensus of the scholars, and these are divided into three; Women, Children and the Insane.

   Ibn Omar —may Allah be pleased with him-said, in a raid with the Prophet-may the blessings of Allah be upon him, a women was found killed, then the messenger of Allah forbade the killing of women and children, Hadith agreed upon. As for the insane, then they have nothing to do with fighting.

2. Second division: They are those whom the scholars differ in the permissibility and prohibition of fighting them such as:

   The blind, the old weak man unlike the strong one or one who gives opinions and advises, the priest who excludes himself from people, the crippled and the wage-worker treated as a servant. There are different opinions between the scholars, majority of them say that it is prohibited to kill them, but Al-Shafiiyya and Ibn Hazm see fit the permissibility of their killing.

Originally, it is prohibited to kill those who are considered not to be among the people of war, but there are exceptional cases in which it is permissible to kill them. We will cover this topic in the next chapter by the will of Allah.

In conclusion, we can summarize the rulings, benefits and principles with regard to this issue

as follows;

1. According to Sharia the term civilians - referred to mean the opposite of military - is not recognized. And so are the specific rulings which are placed based upon it.

2. In Sharia, the infidels are divided into four divisions:

a. *Muahadun*: Disbelievers who have a peace covenant to cease fighting with Muslims. As long as the disbelievers commit to the covenant and its time limit has not yet terminate. Sharia prohibits targeting their blood and wealth.

b. *ahl al-dimmah*: Disbelievers who live under the protection of Islam and pay *Jizyah* to Muslims. As long as they comply to the terms of their protection and pay Jizyah, Sharia also prohibits fighting them.

c. *Musta'minin*: These are disbeliever who ever entered Muslim land without intending to reside there, and are given protection to himself and wealth by any single Muslim. Since he did not revoke his immunity or been escorted back to where he can be safe, Sharia also prohibits their killing.

d. Disbelievers at war with Muslims; These are those who have no covenant or commitment of protection with the Muslims.

3. Originally, the blood and wealth in the lands of disbelievers - who are at war with Islam - is considered permissible to whoever invades them, except those excluded by Sharia.

4. It is permissible, by the consensus of the scholars, to initiate fighting with the combatant infidels and kill them - if the call of Islam has reached them. Even though they did not fight the Muslims or held weapons against them at the first place. Allah has ordered the Muslims to fight until there is no more *fitnah* (worshiping beside Allah) and [until] the religion be all for Allah. Upon this basis, stood up the demand of jihad upon the infidels. And upon this basis, the Muslims conquered the East and West, the Persians, Romans and other kingdoms fell under their hands. However, when the infidels fight the Muslims and become hostile to them, then without a doubt it becomes an obligation to fight and restrain them. Therefore this matter deserves to be prioritized.

5. The *seerah* of the Prophet (ﷺ), his companions and the Muslims after them, show us that they fought the infidels who are at war with Muslims, took their families as captives and wealth as war booty.

6. The disbelievers at war with Muslims are divided into two:

a. The first division: combatants or the people of war; these are sane, mature male who are able to fight or are suitable to fight even if he does not fight nor termed as a soldier - according to the modern terminology. It is permissible to fight them and kill them and in some situations it becomes a duty to do so. When they fall into capture, the leader of the Muslims (Imam) has the option to either kill them, release them, hold them as ransom or take them as slaves according to the interest and advantage of the Muslims.

b. The second division: The non-combatants or those who are considered not to be among the people of war, or have nothing to do with fighting. They are divided into two divisions:

i. First: Those, who are prohibited to be killed by the consensus of the scholars; women, children and the insane.

ii. Second: Those, whom the scholars have difference of opinion with regards to their killing. They are: The old weak man unlike the strong one who gives opinions and advises,the priest who excludes himself from people, the crippled and the wage-worker treated as a servant. There are different opinions between the scholars, majority of them say that it is prohibited to kill them, but Al-Shafiiyya and Ibn Hazm see fit the permissibility of their killing.

7. (we see that) in targeting what is referred to as 'civilians' there is much advantage and benefit for attaining the goals of Jihad that cannot be attained when targeting the military. It stirs up the public opinion and agitates the people against their governments to stop their aggressive policies. It is also difficult to conceal the aftermath of such attacks from the media unlike the operations that target the military. In addition, the operation terrifies the enemy much more than when targeting soldiers. Usually soldiers expect to be targeted and are always prepared for any attack. Such operations will spread panic and terror among the public and not just be confined to the military.

Finally, we mention the Fatwa of the honorable Egyptian scholar, Ahmad Shakir –may Allah have mercy upon him- describing the state of the British, the enemies of Allah and their war against Islam and Muslims in Egypt. Their horrible violations of Muslim rights and the ruling regarding the British military and civilians. He called upon Lone Jihad in Britain, and It is as if he is talking about the present reality of the Muslims with America, Britain and France. He says in his book, *Kalimatu Al-Haq* (the word of truth): "The British declared a clear, aggressive treacherous war against the Muslims in Egypt. And also declared it upon Sudan, but under the pretext of national interest for Sudan and its people, (falsely) adorning them by the self-governing system that tricked the Egyptians at the first place.

We saw what the British did in Suez Canal and in similar countries, when they killed peaceful civilians, women, children and their aggression upon the security forces and decision makers, thus no one hardly escaped their aggression.

Their Conduct was a very clear declaration of enmity without ambiguity. Therefore, their blood and wealth became lawful to the Muslims. And each Muslim anywhere on earth has a duty upon him to combat and kill them wherever they exist, be they civilians or military forces. They are all combatant enemies who have persisted in their aggression and betrayal." Then he says, "we have said that: it is a duty upon each Muslim, wherever he is on earth to fight them and kill them wherever they exist, be they civilians or military forces. We mean and emphasize every single letter in this sentence i.e. wherever the Muslim is, or from whatever race or nation he is; there is a duty binding upon him the same as upon us in Egypt and Sudan. Even the British Muslims in their homeland, if they are truly zealous towards their religion, they have to respond to this duty according to their ability. Otherwise migrate from the land of the enemy or from the land in which one cannot fight the enemy as Allah has ordered him to do so.

Islam is a single nation, it forfeits all the differences of nationalism and nationality between its followers, as Allah –be he Exalted - said ﴾And verily this your religion (of Islamic Monotheism) is one religion, and I am your Lord, so fear (keep you duty to) Me﴿

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## imminent threat ...

Sheikh Usama raised his voice high to warn the Western countries, especially America, that they will be the first to be engulfed by the flames of their own oppressive policies against the Muslim Ummah. Oppressions such as the ongoing support towards the Jews occupying our sacred land and the killing of our Palestinian brothers for the past 60 years. Followed by their politics of sanctions against the people of Iraq, which led to the deaths of almost a million children. And how they 'restored hope' in Somalia by killing over 13,000 people. We then see the drama that unfolded under the pretext of liberating Kuwait, which led to the greatest theft in history; the Americans backed the dictator Arab regimes, who rule according to their wishes and not by the laws of Allah, and as a result they plunged the wealth of the land of the two holy

mosques and thereafter setting their bases therein. If they only knew you, sheikh Usama, they would have responded to your call. *But unfortunately there is no life to the ones being called.*

Not long ago there were several interviews conducted on Western T.V channels with some fair-minded personalities, discussing the key issue of terrorism. Unfortunately, these interviews came too late. They came after our lands have already tasted the bitterness of their governments, which they have elected and paid their taxes to.

In these interviews they talk about the bitter pain and fear which they have started experiencing - pain that has been looming in our backyards for quite long. They talk about the imminent danger and threat to their security, which has turned their lives upside-down. They talk about the real reasons and motivations that led us to hate the Western regimes. The same reasons that were once raised and explained by Sheikh Usama, the reasons that have led us to hold our weapons and fight them, and as a result emerging what they term the 'terrorism phenomenon'.

The persons interviewed were from different backgrounds and sectors of the Western society; writers, professors, academics, economists, politicians, journalists, former soldiers in the American army and even the former chief of the unit tasked in tracking Bin Ladin, Michael Scheuer also delivered his statement regarding this issue. All these interviews confirm to us that the ongoing unjust and oppressive policies by the Western countries - led by America - in the Islamic world, are the main source and reason for the increasingly growth of the terrorism phenomenon. And as the saying goes, "*the truth is what the enemy confirms*".

I will approach this article in two different ways - basing on the confessions and interviews made:

## The Economic Confession

The first is an economic confession by John Perkins, an American economist, writer and political activist. He is one of the key figures who participated in the American-Saudi deal, which secured the flow of oil into America - after OPEC cut-off the supply of oil to America due to their support towards Israel in early 70's. According to Perkins, America feared a recurrence of the 1929 depression. The American treasury department came to him and other 'economic hit-men' to seek out a solution so as to avoid another OPEC blackmail. Indeed, the plan had to involve Saudi Arabia; firstly because it is the biggest oil producer in OPEC and secondly - and this is the most important - it is because the house of Saud, the royal family was "corrupt and corruptible". And indeed, they will pass any deal in the interest of the Americans. So, the deal was struck and thus the biggest theft in the history - the "deal of the century" as Perkins would call it, was struck. The video shocked me! The magnitude of the theft coined by these economic hit-men was unimaginable, despite Sheikh Usama's constantly talking and mentioning such things, and giving examples so as to clarify more.

Perkins says, "according to the deal, the Saudis would return almost all the money they have made from selling oil to the US in the form of investments and in securities from the US government. And that the US treasury department would use the profits from those securities which have accumulated over the years to trillions of dollars to hire US companies so as to Westernize Saudi Arabia, such as building petrochemical complexes, whole cities out in the deserts, McDonald and other things that go along with the Western culture. The house of Saud also agreed to keep the price of oil within limits acceptable to the oil companies and that was very very important, as Perkins says; "they agreed that they would never ever sell oil for anything other than US dollars". So they came to the help of their allies, the Americans, right before they got bankrupt against the gold standard. And so the idea of placing the dollar in oil i.e. no one can buy oil in the world market for anything other than dollars. Perkins adds, "all this historical and amazing deal, a deal of the century and incredibly powerful deal they struck with Saudi Arabia, their part in the bargain was to keep the house of Saud in power." Perkins sayss, "this deal led to what the CIA called a blowback, unintended consequences that made Bin Laden angry to see the American culture".

## The Military Confession

The second confessions concerns the military, and is made by a former American soldier - Mike Braisner, who participated in the Iraq war in 2003. It is one of many confessions by a group of former American soldiers who opposed the war and come out public. He says, "the American army in the first Gulf War was incinerating civilian convoys, deliberately targeting civilian infrastructure and bombing water supply knowing that it will kill hundreds of thousands of Children". He added, "we have just learned that we killed over a million Iraqis since this invasion but we have already killed a million Iraqis in the nineties due to the siege and bombings prior to this invasion, the number truly is much higher". He recounted that when he came to Iraq he learned a new word - Hajji. "Hajji was the enemy, Hajji referred to any Iraqi - it was not someone specific - it could refer to a father, a teacher or even a worker". He gave detailed account about the different raids on people's houses and inspections. And how sometimes they forced people out of their houses under the argument that it was now a property of the U.S military - without providing them with any alternatives or compensations. He recalls how they dragged a woman and two small girls who refused to leave and threw them to the street and arrested the men and sent them off the prison.

Therefore, Braisner and his likes simply confessed after returning back home. They held up a sad face of (so-called) remorse, regret, guilt and shame after all the inhuman and immoral crimes they committed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Philippine, Vietnam and other places. They confessed that they were themselves the real terrorist and the real terrorism is in their occupations not as they were once told, that they were fighting terrorists. As such, these juniors learned from their seniors and leaders the same tone which kept repeating itself whenever they invade a country - such as Vietnam and Iraq - under weak arguments. Killing its people, destroying its infrastructure and wiping out everything. And if they were to lose the war and fail to realize what they planed from their invasion, they start whining around and complaining that the invasion was unjustifiable and their intelligence was not accurate. And thus, with all simplicity the Americans fooled and misled people's minds so that they can receive their blessings and praises.

Never have we heard of America -in its old or recent history- to have handed over any one of its citizens to the ICC. Not even a single leader out of all those who have committed war crimes, genocides and crimes against humanity. Starting with the massacres, in which they eradicated the Red Indians, and the crimes of Manifest Destiny policy that was implemented by their founding fathers when they decided to expand beyond the boundaries of the original thirteen states. And after that beyond the boundaries of the U.S in South America, Philippine, Vietnam, Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Moreover, they even refuse to give a simple apology to these nations. Why is that so? This is because American has valued its blood above all others. This is because they consider themselves as the people of the first world and the rest as second and the third world.
Allah say in Quran,

﴾And (both) the Jews and the Christians say: " We are the children of Allah and his loved ones﴿ [5:18]
﴾Because they say: "There is no blame on us to betray and take the properties of the illiterates (Arabs)."﴿ [3:75]
﴾Fir'aun (Pharaoh) said: "I show you only that which I see (correct), and I guide you only to the path of right policy!﴿ [40:29]

And so what does America expect from the likes of Sheikh Usama. As they watch you occupy their land, defile their sanctity, kill their children and loot their wealth. Don't they have the right to defend themselves, especially after all you have done ? Or is this right exclusively for you? But rather it seems you miscalculated ... And thought that the DNA in Muslim lands was the same as that of its corrupted rulers. Have you forgotten that every action has a similar and opposite reaction. You chose your reaction when OPEC cut off your oil supply, as Perkins explained above. So wait for the reaction by bin Ladin's men. O people in America, this is the policy of your government that you have elected and pay taxes to. Therefore, either you take the advice of those advising you such as the soldier Mike Briasner when he said, "we need to wake up and realize that our real enemies are not in some distant land, the enemy is people we know very well and people we can identify. The enemy is the system that wages war when it is profitable, our enemies are not 5000 miles away, they are right here at home. If we organize and fight with our sisters and brothers we can stop this war, we can stop this government and create a better world", if not then you will harvest what your hands have sowed - fear, terror and death by new creative and destructive Lone Jihad operations, executed by men from your own homeland. Men whose boots have not touched the lands of Jihad in Afghanistan or Sham and whose names have never been in the FBI or CIA black lists. O Americans, you will never be safe till you force your government to change its oppressive policies towards us and get its last soldier out of the Muslim lands.

And our final call is all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the world.

# AMERICAN RAIDS IN YEMEN

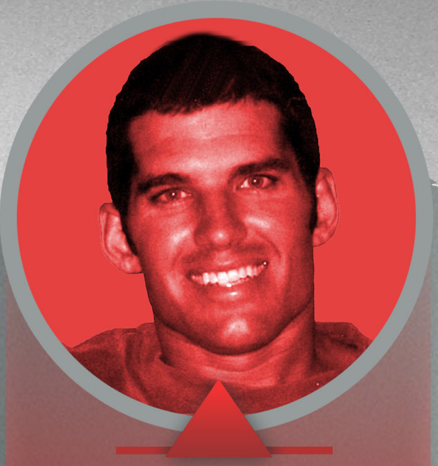


The Americans killed her father, Sheikh Anwar Al-Awlaki. Then killed her brother, and finally killed the girl - placing a blackspot on America's history that can never be forgot.



We stood our ground and fought them fiercely with our klashinkovs and honor, we fired at their military aircrafts and ground troops. We do not have heavy weapons. And if we ever knew that they would be making a raid then non of them would have left here alive.

Qaifa Tribesman



The soldier that was labelled a 'hero' for killing children and participating in fruitless raids



THE REMAINS OF THE **$75 MILLION OSPREY** LIE IN RUINS ON THE MOUNTAINS OF Q'AIFA







## JUST A THOUGHT

- The U.S. sends its BEST MILITARY AIRCRAFTS to so called 'CRITICAL' missions only to find them malfunctioning in action! so we ask, are the pilots suffering from something new, is there a new PTSD in town? Maybe a ~~post~~ *pretraumatic stress disorder.*
- Or are the $75 million Ospreys just being shot down by local tribesmen?



## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that America has never ever succeeded in any raid they have conducted in Yemen ... The following is a list of the raids conducted by U.S. in Yemen:

- Shabwah - A raid in Shabwah targeting Ibrahim Al-Asiri failed
- Hadhramout - A raid in Hadhramout aimed at rescuing Luke Somers failed because of false incorrect intelligence.
- Shabwah - Not long after that, they made another attempt to rescue Luke Somers in Shabwa. This raid failed miserably and led to the death of Luke and another hostage who was about to be released later on.
- Yaqla, Qaifa - They descended upon the mountains of Qaifa - after receiving incorrect and false intelligence- bombing and killing women and children, the old and Mujahideen who were stationed there fighting the Houthis. A $75 million military aircraft was downed. At least one **US soldier and a number of UAE soldiers were killed and several wounded.** Among the most important success this raid achieved, was that it gave us an understanding on how CLUELESS the America is.
- Abyan - This time they came from the sea, and were easily spotted. A brother fired a single shot and the 'special forces' ran away back.
- Ma'rib - They raided a house and were immediately faced with resistance from inside the house and tribesmen battled them from nearby houses. An unknown number of enemy soldiers were killed. They immediately fled away and were not able to enter the house. So they decided to bomb it.



EXCLUSIVE

# INSPIRE INTERVIEW

**- Sheikh Abu Mus'ab Abdul Wadood -**

In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful. May peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Messenger, his Family, and Companions. We are pleased to have with us as our guest in Inspire, the beloved Sheikh, Abu Mus'ab Abdul Wudood, Ameer of Qa'eda-tul-Jihad in the Islamic Maghreb. On behalf of all members of Inspire, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our honored Sheikh. We are thankful to him for honoring us by fulfilling our request to conduct this interview.

► **To begin with, a personal introduction and an overview of your life in Jihad.**

In the Name of Allah, and may peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah, his pure Family, his chosen Companions, and those who follow them in good faith till the Day of Judgment.

First of all, a word of commendation to the brothers overseeing our beloved magazine, Inspire, and our warm regards to the Inspire team as well. We would like to thank them for their remarkable efforts in the field of Dawah (calling people to Allah), raising awareness amongst Muslims and Mujahideen regarding what is beneficial for their Deen and Dunya, and inciting people to Jihad. We would like to commend the brothers on their firm resolve and their concern for the situation of the Mujahideen the world over. May Allah bless your work, accept your efforts, and reward you with the best of rewards on behalf of the Mujahideen and the Jihad.

As for your interviewee, he is the humble servant hoping for the forgiveness of his Lord, Abdul Malik Droukdel bin Rabeh bin al-Wanas; born on the 20th of April, 1970, circa 13th of Safar, 1390, in the village of Zayan, Miftah district, in the Al-Baleeda province, west of the capital, al-Jazair.

I inherited from my family a love of the Religion and adherence to it right from my childhood. I was a regular visitor to the village masjid, and later the masjid in Miftah, during my elementary and secondary education.

I joined the elementary school in our village and completed my middle and secondary education in the Miftah district. In 1989, I secured my bachelor's degree in Mathematics. After that, I joined the Department of Technology in the Al-Baleeda University, where I continued my studies until 1993.

I wouldn't mind sharing an anecdote here with my brothers, and this happened when I was a young boy. The masjid in our village had been encountering problems with its microphone, and this was a time when microphones were a rare commodity in the market. Since my childhood, I had been gifted by Allah with an enthusiasm for electronics and electrical stuff, and I was good at hands on electrical work. So I made an improvised microphone from some very simple stuff, to begin with a radio amplifier, a flask- I designed the microphone's body with it- and some copper wires. Then I tested it in the dhuhr Adhaan, and no one noticed that I did so with a rudimentary improvised microphone. In fact, everyone at the masjid thought that the Masjid Committee had purchased a new microphone. They thanked Allah for the problem being resolved, and this became the talk of the day. Anyhow, when the elders in charge of the masjid discovered what had really transpired, they didn't scold me - out of respect for me- in fact, from then on I became much loved and respected amongst them. They even made me in charge of electrical maintenance of our masjid - All praise belongs to Allah, firstly and lastly, for guiding us to the path of rectitude and guidance, and protecting us from the paths of corruption and deviation right since childhood.

## BEGINNING OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE

During my high school days, I started following the news of Muslims around the world generally, and the Afghan Jihad specifically. This phase coincided with the *Intifadha* of stone-throwers in Palestine, and the emergence of a new phase of resistance against the Zionist occupiers. My heart was aflame with love of following the news of the Mujahideen. This was followed by a phase of maturity and developing a subtler understanding of the global struggle and the onslaught of the disbelievers against the Muslim world. This coincided with the First Gulf War in 1991, which was soon followed by the events surrounding the emergence of the Islamic Salvation Front, the military overthrow (1992) led by a cabal of generals loyal to France and supported by the scum of the Francophone class controlling the reins of power. As young men, our souls were deeply troubled by the abyss our Ummah had reached. Most troubling of all was the tragedy that had befallen the sons of Algeria. The prisons and confinement camps in the deserts were overflowing with Algerians who had committed no crime except declaring, 'Our Lord is Allah alone.'

With the beginning of 1992 (1412 Hijri), the spark of the Jihadi struggle had been lit, and the first Jihadi cells had been organized. Allah blessed me with contact with Sheikh Saeed Makhloofi (may Allah have mercy on him), one of the preeminent leaders of the Algerian Jihad, and the Ameer of *Haraka-tu dawla islamiyyah* (the Islamic State Movement). His activities centered around the Miftah region, close to the capital, Algiers. I worked with them for a period while I was based in the city. Towards the end of 1993, I joined the fields of Jihad.

Given my academic specialization, my old hobby of improvising electrical devices, likewise my familiarity with chemicals and mechanical principles, I was assigned the job of manufacturing explosives and working in the field of explosives, which, given its diversity, has a wide scope. Later I was assigned oversight of the Al-Quds division for a brief period. Thereafter, I engaged myself in manufacturing explosives, imparting training and military organization.

In 2001, I was invited to the general headquarters of *Jama'ah as-Salafiyah li ad-Dawah wal Qital*' (Salafist Organization for Dawah and Combat). I was appointed as one of the supervisors of Zone 2. After the resignation of Abu Hamza Hassaan Hattab from the leadership of the Jama'ah in 2003, Sheikh Abu Ibrahim Mustafa Nabeel as-Sahrawi (may Allah have mercy on him) was appointed the Ameer of the Jama'ah.
In 2004, Sheikh Abu Ibrahim Mustafa sent me as head of a delegation visiting Eastern Algeria for a Jihadi mission. In June 2004, while we were busy in our mission, the news of Sheikh Abu Ibrahim Mustafa's martyrdom reached us. May Allah have mercy on him. This occurred only a year after his appointment as Ameer. The Sheikh, before his martyrdom, had designated me as his successor, and from Allah help is sought...

In 2005, we started a series of consultations with the Majlis as Shura of the Jama'ah regarding the possibility of merging with al-Qa'eda, using the good offices of the Ameer of the martyrdom-seekers, Sheikh Abu Mus'ab al Zarqawi (may Allah have mercy on him). Allah made it easy for us and the merger took place towards the end of 2006. After the merger with al-Qa'eda, we consulted Sheikh Usama (may Allah have mercy on him) on changing the name of the Jama'ah (Salafist Organization for Dawah and Combat). The Sheikh advised us to adopt the name *Tandheem Qa'edatul-Jihad bi Bilad al Maghreb al Islami'* (Al-Qa'eda in the Islamic Maghreb). This was duly done on Wednesday, the 5th of Muharram, 1428 (2007).

We also suggested to the Sheikh to appoint a new Ameer for the Maghrebi branch of the Organization. We asked him not to hesitate in doing so; in fact, we insisted that he should decide and appoint someone fitting for the role, and that he would only find in response receptive ears, obedience, and love. We were waiting for - in fact, even expecting- the Sheikh to appoint over us the leader, the teacher, Sheikh Abul Layth al-Libbi (may Allah have mercy on him).

To this day, your brother is in the unenviable position of being tested with this

responsibility. We ask Allah to forgive our shortcomings, overlook our errors, accept our deeds, and bless us with martyrdom in His path without falling prey to fitnah or deviation. Ameen

► We would like you to share with us the general condition of the Jihad and Mujahideen in the Islamic Maghreb.

The Jihad in the Islamic Maghreb continues smoothly, in spite of the alliance of the disbelieving countries and the local apostate client regimes, and all praise belongs to Allah. In spite of the fierce war they have been engaged in for more than two decades, the Mujahideen, by the blessing of Allah fit the following description given in the Quran: ﴿like a (sown) seed which sends forth its shoot, then makes it strong; it then becomes thick, and it stands straight on its stem, delighting the sowers that He may enrage the disbelievers with them﴾

Yes, the war between us and our enemies has its rounds, and the days alternate. Sometimes we seize the initiative; at others, they have the upper hand. But we have no doubt whatsoever that the enemy is destined to decline. Allah, the Glorious, says in His Book, ﴿Verily, those before them did devise plots, but all planning is Allah's. He knows what every person earns, and the disbelievers will know who gets the good end.﴾

► We are seeing a sharp increase in the numbers of the Mujahideen in the Islamic Maghreb and a wider spread of the Dawah there. What are the reasons in your view.

Yes, this is generally true, with the exception of the Algerian front, which has been bogged down by a long-drawn war. The Algerian front suffers from a rarity - and at times almost complete absence - of those willing to support and assist, whether internally or externally. So this has had its impact (in Algeria). As for the other fronts, specially Tunisia, Libya, the Sahel, Sahara, they have seen an unprecedented Jihadi awakening. We believe this is a special favor of Allah and amongst the signs of His support for this blessed Jihad. Yes, it is an awakening which has sent shivers down the spine of the West and confused it to the point that it was forced to enter this war and engage in a direct confrontation with the Mujahideen.

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Today, France is directly fighting this war in the Sahel and Sahara, while America is engaged in its own way in Libya and Tunisia. This is an evidence of the fact that the puppet client regimes which have fought the Mujahideen as proxies of the West have proven themselves incapable of securing the victory they had promised their masters.

As for all the loud-sounding claims of eliminating 'terrorism' using overwhelming military superiority, these are no more than vain boasts. The history of the Algerian revolution is testimony to the fact that when France departed from Algeria, it was at the peak of its military strength, far stronger than the revolutionists. Despite this, France had to depart, humiliated and utterly defeated. So material strength is never the only deciding factor between victory and defeat.

Having said this, let me clarify that among the most obvious manifestations of victory, we consider steadfastness on objectives and principles to be the foremost. This implies not changing your objectives or bargaining over principles. We ask Allah to keep us steadfast on His Religion till we meet Him.

► In the beginning of the 90s, the Islamists were on the verge of assuming power in Algeria. Had it not been for the coup orchestrated by the ruling powers against the people's widespread embrace of Islamic ideals, this aim would have materialized. There was a replay of the same scenario in Egypt after the Arab Spring revolutions. So is there a message that you would like to give to the Muslim masses in this regard ?

After the Second World War, an international system was created on the basis of certain foundations which were deemed inviolable for everyone, regardless of religion or race. Anyone who tries to harm or alter any of the basic foundations of the international system is crushed mercilessly. Merely opposing the whims of the cliques controlling the reins of power in the system or not yielding to their ambitions is not considered permissible for individuals, groups and states alike. In recent history there are many examples which illustrate this clearly. The CIA itself has stated that it has thus far participated in orchestrating over 300 military coups, and it's worth pointing out that Africa got the lion's share of these coups.



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So if this is the stance of the international system vis-â-vis states which have no claims of adherence to Islam, what would you expect with regards to groups whose general direction leads to the creation of an Islamic state, albeit through the democratic process ?

This is what transpired in Algeria, and now in Egypt. Muslims must take a deep look at these two experiments, for both experiences are instructive and full of lessons ﴿for him who has a heart or gives ears, and is a witness﴾. The Ummah should have understood the reality after the first experience, lest its efforts and time be wasted again chasing an illusion. These two experiments, and others which we haven't mentioned here, contain many practical lessons.The Ummah should have come to the realization that an Islamic State will not be created using tools hand-picked for her by the disbelievers, i.e. elections, rallies, strikes, and the like. Rather, an Islamic State can only be created by Hijrah, Jihad, and great sacrifices.

Imam Malik bin Anas (may Allah have mercy on him) is reported to have once said, "The last generation of this Ummah will only benefit from that which benefitted its first one."

Even the Arab Revolutions - in reality a middle path between democracy and Jihad - have proven to be an insufficient tool to return Islam its glory or the Quran its state.

After all these bitter experiences, it is imperative for the Ummah to accept no alternative other than 'Jihad and Da'wah' carried out concurrently. The Ummah must work to repel the aggression of the oppressive international system, with everything it possesses in terms of strength. The Ummah must desist from just getting along with this system or working within the framework set up by the enemies to make sure that this Ummah revolves within the orbit of the system. Similarly, it must abstain from participating in their democratic games, for our Religion is a serious matter, and not jest. Our Prophet (ﷺ) has warned us, "*A believer is not stung from the same hole twice.*"

### ► How do the Muslims in the Islamic Maghreb, specially Algeria, view al-Qa'eda, in comparison with the negative experience they had in the 90s with groups which used to excommunicate Muslims and declare their blood permissible, What efforts has al-Qa'eda in the Islamic Maghreb made at the popular level to bridge the gap created by the public reaction to those extremist groups ?

The Muslim populace in Algeria knows that there were primarily two players behind the atrocities committed in the name of Jihad: the Algerian Intelligence services and GIA (Armed Islamic Group) after it had deviated. This is why the 'Salafist Group for Dawah and Combat', which later became al-Qa'eda in the Islamic Maghreb, distanced itself completely from those heinous actions. Its public image was therefore not tainted, in spite of persistent attempts by the regime-sponsored media whose sole job is to distort the image of the Mujahideen and turn people away from them. In fact, this organization was only set up to fight deviation and distortion in all its forms, and to continue to the journey of Jihad in the path of Allah in accordance with the methodology of the righteous predecessors (may Allah be pleased with them).

That particular phase, which you have referred to, was very dark and painful in its own right, and also because of the negative imprints it left on the innocent victims of the crimes committed by the despotic regime or the deviant extremist remnants of GIA.

Nevertheless, it was an experience from which the Mujahideen benefited, since it gave them the foresight with which they were able to tackle extremely difficult and complicated situations successfully and without major setbacks. It is no secret that the disease which normally afflicts the theatres of Jihad is either extremism leading to unjust *Takfeer*, or *Irja* and undue softening of stances which leads to renunciation of the Deen and its causes, or mutual discord leading to infighting. Allah has protected our Islamic Maghreb from all of these dangers. The credit for this goes firstly to Allah, and then to the Mujahideen who remained steadfast and attained a great degree of awareness and maturity. And all praise belongs to Allah.

### ► The methodological deviation of excommunicating Muslims and making their blood permissible had a negative impact on the trajectory of the Jihadi movement in Algeria earlier in the 90s and today in al-Shaam and Iraq. In both cases, the large-scale deviation occurred after elements who had adopted this approach assumed leadership positions in the Mujahid groups. What are the steps that al-Qa'eda in al-Maghreb has taken to protect its members and leadership from such a catastrophe ?

The deviation which afflicted Jihad here, and the dangerous consequences which resulted thereof, was the primary cause of rescuing the Algerian regime from the brink of collapse. After taking over the leadership of GIA, that reckless clique was able to spread corruption in the land. It committed horrendous massacres against ordinary Algerians and carried out systematic mass purges of Mujahideen as well. Thus, in a brief span of time, the image of Jihad was badly distorted, and the whole issue became engulfed with doubts. Unfortunately, to this day we suffer from some of its outcomes.

This is why we advise all Jihadi groups to deeply study the Algerian experience, and this is something which many have emphasized earlier. We say this because we have seen some groups in Iraq and al-Shaam today following in the footsteps of GIA, bit by bit. If these entities do not correct their path, rectify the errors of their ways, put a lid on their foolhardy elements and the extremists in their ranks, the result will be a resounding failure and imminent decline. ﴿Such has been Allah's way with those who passed away aforetime, and never will you find any change in Allah's way.﴾

You might have noticed that Algeria was the least affected among different Jihadi theatres by the fitna of Daula ('Islamic State' group). Hardly anyone responded to the calls of this fitna except a fringe group of mostly new recruits who had little knowledge or

practical experience, but were not lacking in emotions and impulsiveness. As for the Mujahideen generally, specially the members of the organization and its cadres, they remained steadfast, for they knew better the consequences of this fitna. And why should it not be so when they have experienced its antecedent earlier.

► After eight years of a Democrat President, Obama, the Republican Trump has assumed office in America. Does this actually hold any significance for the Muslim world or Muslims in general ?

We must bear in mind that Democrats and Republicans have been alternating in power for more than a century and a half in the United States. In spite of this, American foreign policy hasn't seen any radical changes. The differences between these two parties are limited to well-known domestic issues (taxation, social issues, economic policy etc.).

When it comes to Islam and Muslims, there are no hawks and doves among American politicians. In terms of their enmity for Islam, they are all equal. The difference that does exist is that some are open and frank in expressing their hostility, while others conceal and deceive. So both, Democrats and Republicans, are serpents carrying lethal venom, but the former prefers a gentle delicate façade, while the latter reveals its true colors.

Many Muslims wanted Trump to lose the elections, hoping that Hillary Clinton would be relatively merciful and less antagonistic towards them. This was just a false hope. Have they forgotten what Democrats under Bill Clinton did to Muslims? Have they forgotten the deaths of a million Iraqi children due to the sanctions imposed by Democrats? Have they forgotten the thousands who fell victims to America's 'smart' bombs and its drones during Obama's tenure? 'Kufr' (Disbelief) is a single nation. In fact, Trump's blunt statements and his hostile stance towards Islam and Muslims may be beneficial in ways that only Allah knows. His rash candidness is a powerful reminder to the Islamic Ummah of the reality of these disbelievers, about whom our Lord has informed us in the Quran in these words, ﴿And they will not cease fighting you until they turn you back from your Religion, if they are able to do so﴾

It also unmasks the reality of the treacherous puppet regimes in front of the Ummah. Moreover, it is a wake-up call for the millions of Arabs and Muslims living in America and Europe. It has reminded them of their religion, their identity, after many had 'assimilated' themselves in their surroundings and forgotten their roots. Above all, it is a painful slap in the face of the proponents of inter-faith dialogue and building bridges between civilizations.



**With regards to America, it is a country farthest from values, and the last one to bring up values in its public discourse. This is because America has historically thrived on plunder and murder, and its history is stained with crimes, which have affected Muslims and non-Muslims alike ... and it comes as no surprise that most crimes are of a racist nature.**

► Opinion polls and the general public predicted a victory for Hillary Clinton. This expectation was based on several reasons, one of which was the racist tone of Trump in his statements against Islam, especially during the election campaign. And this, they thought, was in conflict with values America ostensibly upheld. So what do we understand from the results of the American election ?

As for the victory of Trump in the presidential elections, this requires a holistic reading. The general political scene in the Western countries (specifically in America and Europe) is seeing a widespread resurgence of nationalist tendencies among the masses in its most extreme manifestation, and this extremist current eventually leads to anarchy.

Donald Trump, given his repulsive racist nature, read the popular scene correctly. His election campaign was based on appealing to the natural racist tendencies of the (white) American voter. In doing so, Trump's campaign exploited the absolute political ignorance of the masses in America, where a single emotional speech is sometimes sufficient to change the outlook of many. This is why we saw that his outspokenness often touched the limits of audacity in several statements he made. He understood that the ordinary American had become tired of the grey zone visible in the policies of the Democrats. So he knew how to play with their feelings and rally their emotions. He succeeded in raising issues which trouble them, foremost being the loss of security experienced by the American public on American soil as well as abroad. Trump succeeded twice: first when he instilled fear of Islam amongst the masses, second when he convinced them that he is their sole hope against this danger.

If we take a closer look, a powerful return of racist and nationalist tendencies amongst the vast majority of Western masses is a trend clearly discernible in recent years. This is visible in the rapid rise of parties which call themselves 'right-wing'. We can see this racist tendency becoming a concrete reality in the decisions and actions taken by



**When it comes to Islam and Muslims, there are no hawks and doves among American politicians. In terms of their enmity for Islam, they are all equal. The difference that does exist is that some are open and frank in expressing their hostility, while others conceal and deceive ... Democrats and Republicans, are serpents carrying lethal venom,**

several Western governments. In fact, even governments of supposedly left-wing parties have enforced such discriminatory policies.

With regards to America, it is a country farthest from values, and the last one to bring up values in its public discourse. This is because America has historically thrived on plunder and murder, and its history is stained with crimes, which have affected Muslims and non-Muslims alike. And this peculiarity is not limited to the American state, but can be seen in the individual American as well. This is why we see that crime rates in America are much higher than other nations, and it comes as no surprise that most crimes are of a racist nature. And this is something that Obama on the eve of his departure from the White House himself admitted frankly.

The inescapable result of Trump's victory and the coming to power of his likes in Western countries means that the room for co-existence in the West is being eroded with every passing day. And this does not affect Muslims alone, but all races other than the 'white race' (as they love to portray themselves). With the permission of Allah, this trend will prove to be in the interest of Muslims, since it will awaken the conscience of the Ummah and make it cognizant of the reality of Western Crusader savagery. Thereupon, it will rise and return to confront its enemies, and examples of heroism and selfless sacrifice will be revived in the Ummah, which will return it to its erstwhile position of leadership and dominance, with the help of Allah. There is no escape from the coming confrontation; either the Ummah willingly leads this battle, or it is forced to fight it, and the matter is in the hands of Allah in the beginning and the end.

Here, it would be worthwhile reminding the public which elected Trump as President - in spite of all the hatred and bias displayed by him, and his threats of fighting Islam and Muslims- what Sheikh Ayman al Zawahiri (may Allah protect him) said in his message to the American people: "Nations of the Crusader Alliance, We have warned and cautioned you repeatedly, but it seems that you want us to make you taste death in its worst forms, so taste some of what you made us taste, and pay the price of this aggression. Be patient and enduring, for the battle is only in its first skirmishes."

► One of Trump's advisors said in an interview, "We have a major problem which no one wants to admit, because doing so is politically inexpedient. The problem is Islam. I am not talking about the Muslim world, but Islam itself." There have been other similar statements made by political figures in the Trump administration. Should we infer from these statements and those of Trump that America has taken a new course in its policy, namely a direct attack on Islam. What are the implications of these statements?

Statements of this advisor are in sync with what most politicians in the West belief, but they disguise it in a diplomatic façade. When they give up their superficial diplomacy, we get to see these frontal verbal attacks from important figures in the West. All of us heard the criminal, Bush, the Junior declaring openly, "This is a crusade." The verbal attacks on Islam by several Western leaders like Romano Braudy and Rasmussen, and others beginning from the Pope to different journalists are in the same vein. This is as far as statements and open declarations of enmity are concerned, and we believe that what their hearts conceal is much greater.

As far as their actions are concerned, the matter is much clearer. Their encouragement for deliberate methodical campaigns attacking the personality of our noble Messenger ﷺ and our sacred beliefs is clear evidence of this.

In spite of the hatred concealed in their hearts, it will be worthwhile reminding American politicians a few lessons from history, lest their memory deceives them. No matter how far Trump and his team go in their enmity for Islam and Muslims, and no matter how racist they may be, they were preceded (a decade earlier) by a stronger strand of enmity and racism in the form of Bush Junior. So what was his fate?

Did his own people and most politicians of the world not end up considering him a curse for America and Americans, to the point that some viewed him the worst President ever in American history. So if Trump sticks to his antagonistic policies towards Islam and crosses the limits in his attacks on Muslims, his fate will be no different from that of Bush, if not worse. ﴾And those who do wrong will come to know by what overturning they will be overturned﴿.

▸ America has been engaged in its longest overseas war ever, a war ignited by a few hundred Mujahid youth. It has been unable to achieve its stated objective, namely defeating Jihad and Mujahideen, in spite of the support it has enjoyed from most states of the world, whether directly or indirectly. What is the reason for this failure in your view? And what if this war further drags on?

It is among the blessings and favors of Allah that he made it easy for Muslims to choose the shortest way to empower the Deen of Allah, namely the path of Dawah and Jihad. Secondly, He perfected their choice by making them go for the head of the serpent (America) and focusing their efforts on it. As for the war that America is waging with the aid of its Satanic Alliance of agents and proxies, its fate is sealed, and the Mujahideen have made clear their policy on several occasions.

This policy is most clearly enunciated in this statement of Sheikh Ayman (may Allah protect him), "Peace is a common dividend. If we enjoy safety, you shall enjoy safety. If we see peace, you shall see peace. And if we are hit and killed, you are sure to be hit and killed. This is the correct equation. So try to understand, if you do indeed possess understanding."

The Mujahideen are determined to fulfill the pledge of Sheikh Usama bin Laden (may Allah have mercy on him), "America shall never dream of peace as long as Muslims in Palestine don't live in peace, and as long as the infidel armies do not leave the Land of Muhammad (ﷺ)."

With this kind of a resolve, no enemy can defeat or break your will.

Not to mention the fact that the Islamic Ummah is a fertile and generous Ummah. No generation of this Ummah is bereft of virtue, with the blessing of Allah, since it draws inspiration from an illustrious past worthy of emulation and filled with examples of selfless sacrifice, ﴿And Allah is the Ally of the Believers﴾.

This is just the opposite of America, a nation with no history, which has a very superficial understanding of Islam and its contact with Muslims is only recent, unlike European nations like Britain or France.

So if we add to America's ignorance of Islam and the condition of Muslims its imperial hubris - a consequence of its military and economic prowess- the situation becomes similar to that of the Pharaoh when he said, ﴿Who is greater in might than us﴾ And it is here that we come to understand how America became embroiled in its war against Mujahideen.

However, it appears that now America has become somewhat familiar with the fighting capability of the Mujahideen, and has tested their strength, patience and endurance. As a result, a lot of the earlier vanity has faded away, to be replaced with a degree of realism. America has seen dark and painful days at the hands of the Mujahideen who punished it for its follies in Afghanistan and Iraq. We ask Allah to make America taste ﴿a humiliating punishment in the life of this world... And verily, the punishment of the Hereafter is more humiliating, and they shall not be helped.﴾ So will this President submit to the dictates of common sense, and let Muslims live with freedom and honor in their lands, or will he fall in the same trap in which George Bush Sr. and later his son fell

▸ Why does al-Qa'eda focus on the Western enemy in its messages and operations. Some say that your targeting of the West with scattered operations here and there will not affect it in the least, and it would be better to begin with deposing the criminal regimes in the region. This, in their view, will be a course of action in harmony with the popular revolutions (in the Arab world), and consequently it will enable us to establish an Islamic form of government in the region. What is your opinion regarding this position?

From the standpoint of the leadership of the Jihad, their opinion on this issue is an *Ijtihad* which they have reached after a deep and thorough review of the journey of the blessed Jihadi movement. Their reasoning is based on uniting the Ummah on a project which can restore its honor and dignity under the shade of the Shariah of its Lord, free from foreign hegemony or interference in its affairs, and this should be concurrent with cleansing the Ummah's lands from all forms of occupation and protecting its resources from all forms of plunder. The leadership of the Jihad realized that the Ummah unites against a foreign enemy whose enmity and aggression is manifest. This is from the standpoint of rallying support.

As for the practical and strategic logic, those focusing on the Western enemy, specifically America, believe that they are fighting a serpent whose head is America and whose tail is represented by the apostate puppet regimes. So whosoever wants to kill this serpent must severe its head, not its tail; since, in their view, the fall of America will automatically lead to a collapse of the regimes in its orbit. And this goes in line with reducing losses and economizing efforts and time.

Our present condition vis-a-vis America is similar to the situation faced by the Muslims vis-a-vis Qureish. Qureish was the spearhead of the tribal society of pre-Islamic Arabia. Once the Qureish fell, the common link holding the tribes together was no more, and Islam rapidly spread in the Peninsula in a short span of time.

On the other hand, those who focus their efforts on the apostate regimes say that these regimes are more severe in their disbelief and hypocrisy than the foreign enemy, and they are closer and more harmful to us. Allah says, ﴿O' you who believe, fight those of the disbelievers who are close to you, and let them find harshness in you, and know that Allah is with the pious.﴾ So in their view the departure of these despotic regimes will weaken America and her allies and thwart their schemes. Just as this group considers that the foreign enemy has its hand cut off, and it cannot extend a hand except with a local glove on, therefore it is imperative to stop this glove.

What we believe to be closer to the truth is to leave the matter to the people of *Ijtihad* present in the fields of Jihad, and not constrict the options for them. Every group does

not have the resources and opportunities to strike American interests. So if someone wishes to neutralize the domestic enemy first so that he can later deal with the foreign enemy, let him have his way.

Having said this, let us keep in mind that the separating line between the domestic and the foreign enemy in these times has almost disappeared. In some Arab and Islamic countries, the near enemy is America because of its heavy and permanent ground and air presence, and because of a direct and more frequent confrontation with the foreign enemy compared to the local one. And this is an issue which Sheikh Abu Hurayrah al San'ani (may Allah protect him) also raised in one of the releases of Al-Malaheem (may Allah reward those overseeing Al-Malahem Media).

Our Sheikh and Ameer, Dr. Ayman al Zawahiri (may Allah protect him) pointed this out earlier when he said, "And if we understand the reality of the conflict and its tools, it becomes easier for us to realize the falsehood of the position that we should fight the external enemy without confronting the local enemy. This preposterous claim ignores reality twice, firstly when it overlooks the fact that the foreign enemy does not work except through the local enemy, for it has in every capital a Karzai and in every government a Maliki. And secondly, when it turns a blind eye to the fact that those who are confronting the foreign enemy of the Ummah, most of them are also up against its internal enemies. So who is fighting the Crusaders in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Chechnya and Algeria..."'

► We are seeing an ongoing campaign of American bombings in different parts of the Muslim world, from Afghanistan to the Islamic Maghreb, including Iraq, al-Shaam, the Arabian Peninsula and Somalia. The most obvious of these have been the massacres in Afghanistan in which dozens of women, children and elderly have been killed in indiscriminate aerial attacks. How do we explain this savagery and brutality What does America aim to achieve with these bombings?

This is the nature of the disbelievers... ﴾With regard to a believer, they respect not the ties, either of kinship or of covenant.﴿ And as their predecessors (the Jews) said, ﴾There is no blame on us if we betray or take the properties of the illiterate ones (the Arabs).﴿ One who reflects on these noble verses which describe the psyche of the enemies of the Ummah, their mental landscape and how they perceive us, he will perfectly understand the statements of their leaders when they ridicule our victims. For example, when Madeleine Albright was asked about the horrifying numbers of Iraqi children who died as a result of the sanctions, said "It was a price worth paying". This was outright ridicule of innocent lives... lives of children who had committed no crime to deserve this horrendous treatment.

So the unprecedented targeting of innocents using drones in several Muslim countries is a continuation of American brutality. It is the defining image of America's ridicule of Muslims.
No matter how much America tries to explain away these crimes by claiming that it is targeting 'terrorists', we see that the number of innocent victims of these attacks is beyond anyone's imagination. This explains America's well-founded enmity of Muslims and their Religion, and this is something we have addressed in the previous question. The shockingly large number of innocent victims, most of whom are women and children, can never be justified with the pretext of having killed such and such number of 'terrorists' as well. This will remain a disgrace for America, an indicator of its decline and the falseness of its 'civilization'.

Let us not forget that America adopted the drone program because this has no costs in terms of (American) lives lost. Successive American administrations have realized that the American soldier is too much of a coward to prove his mettle in wars. In reality, the condition of their soldiers is similar to that of the Jews described in the Quran, ﴾They fight not against you together, except in fortified towns or from behind walls﴿ Americans do not fight the Mujahideen except from frigates cruising in the depths of the oceans or from pilotless drones.

Moreover, in doing so, they seek to terrorize Muslims and convey them a simple message: This is the fate of anyone who tries to unshackle the chains or sing out of the tune dictated from Washington, and anyone who considers himself innocent must disassociate himself from 'terrorists'.

► Coming to America and France, what significance does America hold for France, and vice versa. What are the forms of cooperation between the two in the Islamic Maghreb specifically?

Firstly, we should not forget that France is indebted to America for freeing it from the German Nazi occupation during World War II. And to this day, France is in need of American protection; though this time not out of fear of a Nazi Germany, but out of fear of the rising tide of Jihad on the opposite side of the Mediterranean strait, and likewise the 'terrorism' which threatens its interests in its backyard (Africa). But this does not mean that America can do without France, rather France is an indispensable American ally in the so-called War on Terror, because of its familiarity with Muslims, Islam and its experience in former colonies, and this is vital knowledge which America does not possess.

As for the partition of roles in the Islamic Maghreb, it is obvious even for the layman: America is in control of the greater share of oil and gas resources via its multinationals, while France has singled out for itself education, culture, administration. It is well-known that France has an obsession with its culture and language, and this is why we see them handing out awards to Francophone literary figures, and French patronage of the Francophone forum is best evidence of this.

In the so-called War against Terror, America tries to find suitable puppets to look after its interests in the region via AFRICOM, while military cooperation between the two sides remains strong. France has strong ties with the governments in Africa. It continues to consider Africa its backyard, and specific regions and their natural resources as part of its national security objectives, such as the

Uranium mines in Niger.

On the other hand, America possesses the military muscle strong enough to deter any rising power which may threaten Western interests in Africa, whether governments or rebel groups, the foremost being the Mujahideen. It is expected that this cooperation between the two countries will continue, unless some major shock sends an international system edging towards gradual fragmentation into complete disarray. And we are lying in wait for a disaster to afflict them, by Divine intervention or at our hands.

Therefore, the Mujahideen must work to dismantle such alliances by targeting their joints and vital interests, and this is not something impossible. We have still not forgotten how the French President Jacques Chirac rebelled against Bush Jr. and refused to participate in the international coalition which deposed Saddam out of fear for French interests which could have been endangered by participation in the alliance. So consistent pressure can in fact dismantle such alliances.

Another case in point is the withdrawal of Spanish forces from Iraq after its capital was hit by attacks as a retaliation against the oppressive and hegemonic policies that the ruling party then was pursuing.

► France has a long history of waging war against Islam and a bitter record of occupation and persecution of Muslims in the present. Kindly shed some light on the reality of this state which presents itself as the torchbearer of freedom, equality and brotherhood.

France's enmity of Islam is historical and deep-rooted, and its history with Muslims is deeply tainted. France was the flag bearer of the Cross in the First Crusade. As for its contemporary history, the collective memory of Muslims is filled with tragedies they had to face at the hands of this oppressive state. This is what made successive generations of Muslims inherit these memories and study these crimes. The memory of our nation resists oblivion... until the generation arrives which exacts revenge from every transgressing oppressor.

French occupation in parts of Arab and Muslim lands was the among the most evil forms of occupation. France did not suffice with appropriating the lands of Muslims, seizing their properties, plundering their wealth, dislocating them to barren lands and resettling Europeans in their place, granting them the most fertile pieces of agricultural land in an attempt to encourage colonization...

French crimes did not end here. In fact, France went on to wipe out the very identity of Muslims, rob them of their past, their history and intellectual heritage, change their religion, language, and culture...France waged a campaign against Islamic and Arabic education by clamping down on Masajid and Quranic Madrassahs. The French shut down Shariah courts and actively encouraged the spread of the missionary movement.

In short, France destroyed the social structure of the communities which fell under its occupation. The result was the spread of poverty, disease, ignorance, and the rise of innovation and deviation. And there is no power or help except from Allah. So where is freedom, brotherhood and equality...the slogan of the revolution which France claims was the mother of all revolutions?

Where is freedom, for the sand of Algeria's desert continues to unmask its crimes?!

Where is brotherhood... the brotherhood established by carrying out four nuclear tests in the deserts of Algeria, the yield of which was many times greater than that of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima?!

Where is equality, for it turned the residents of Raqqan in the Algerian desert into guinea pigs for French nuclear tests?!

Such evils they did to Muslims...yet they claim to be upholding humanistic values! Imagine what the French might have done had they been uncivilized?!

Today after more than fifty years of the French withdrawal from Muslim lands, it has become clear that independence was a myth. Yes, the French left with their armies, but they left behind a class steeped in the French mindset and culture, a class raised by France and brought up in its cultural milieu so that it may carry on French imperial projects with the enthusiasm and sincerity of the occupiers, if not more. Every Muslim must thus realize that Jihad against these apostate puppet regimes is part of Jihad against France, and liberation from these regimes is liberation from France.

► On Lone Jihad operations in the West: what is its place in the war between Islam and Kufr; and what is its role and importance in our vision of the war

America, through its military leadership, security experts and politicians has clearly stipulated that the entire globe is a battleground in its war against 'terror', and that they will not leave any place in the world safe for a 'terrorist'.

Thus we deal with America reciprocally. By targeting its vital interests, we will work to make sure that America does not feel safe in any part of the world. This, then, is a legitimate right, and the one who initiates hostilities shoulders the blame, ﴾Whoever transgresses the prohibition against you, you transgress against him likewise.﴿

This method of Jihad is one of the modes of conflict between us and the West - something both new and old- a way of hemming in the enemy and breaking its strength, and this mode of asymmetrical warfare was pioneered by our predecessors centuries ago.

The Lone Jihad has proven its effectiveness and ability to repel aggression. There are many states which, intoxicated with their military strength, are in a condition of perpetual aggression against Muslims, without any state or Islamic group being able to repel their aggression. These countries are either militarily immune, for example the nuclear powers, or geographically immune from outside attacks, such as the United States, which is impossible to invade for a power outside the American Continent since it is surrounded by 6000 kilometers of the Atlantic Ocean. This is a physical barrier which no army can surmount. As for Lone Jihad operations, they

are within the realm of possibility, with the blessing of Allah.

What confuses and irritates the enemy is that those who carry out such operations mostly evade the security measures. Intelligence agencies have their methods of infiltrating networks and groups, but they cannot and will not be able to pierce the hearts of individuals! I advise Muslims generally and Mujahideen specifically to encourage this kind of Jihad and incite people to perform it. In spite of being uncostly in terms of lives and expenses for Muslims, its impact on the enemy is significant and almost disproportional. We have seen on many occasions how a single martyrdom-seeker has often paralyzed an entire state.

There is little doubt that this type of Jihad enrages the disbelievers even more when a revert from their own race or nationality carries out such an operation... someone who had once been part of their community before Allah guided him to Islam and Jihad. This is enraging for the enemies of Islam because it proves that Islam transcends their narrow nationalism and a Muslim's loyalty is to his Religion and not to his homeland. This aspect is harder for them to digest than the operation itself, so let us reflect on it. This is one of the weak spots in which there is enragement of the disbelievers. It is a way of attaining great reward... ﴿And Allah does not waste the reward of doers of good deeds﴾. So let us strive to attain this reward and possess the attribute of being doers of good deeds.
Due to the edge that a Muslim living in the West enjoys, many scholars and leaders of Jihad have encouraged carrying out martyrdom operations in the West. The reward and station of such an individual is no less than the reward of those who migrate to the theaters of Jihad.
One thing we must always bear in mind is that the Mujahid must adhere to the rules of the Shariah in his Lone Jihad. He must also be careful in his target selection and must ascertain the legitimacy of targeting it.

The Shuyukh of Jihad have stressed the importance of this point. For example, Sheikh Attiyatullah (may Allah have mercy on him) mentions, "This Jihad and striking the interests of the enemy, whether inside enemy territory or elsewhere, must be strictly governed by the rules of the Shariah. It must also serve the general strategy of the Mujahideen, and be in sync with it in terms of target selection and precise knowledge of priorities. This requires awareness, sound understanding, followed by a firm resolve and true intention."

After ensuring that these guidelines are followed, all that remains to be said is, ﴿Then when you have taken a decision, put your trust in Allah. Verily, Allah loves those who put their trust in Him﴾.

► Recent months have seen an upsurge of Lone Jihad operations in America and France. What is your opinion regarding these operations?

Sheikh Anwar al Awlaqi says, "We the Muslims do not have an inherent animosity towards any racial group or ethnicity. We are not against Americans for just being American. We are against evil, and America as a whole has turned into a nation of evil."

As is well-known, the Mujahideen differentiate between states and nations in terms of their enmity, and they have their priorities in selecting targets. So states leading the evil alliance or transgressing against Muslims are given the top priority. If we consider America and France, we find that they have reached the limits of hatred and aggression. They are the flagbearers of oppression and transgression against Muslims- culturally, militarily and economically. And the anger of Muslim youth in this respect has been translated to operations carried out on French and American soils.

We have mentioned earlier in our discussion about Lone Jihad that those who carry out such operations mostly evade security measures, so this is a nightmare for a state which is targeted in this way.
For example, America, France and other countries which have faced this form of Jihadi operations have not been able to devise fool-proof methods of countering this phenomenon. Intelligence is often useless with regards to an individual Mujahid, since he doesn't need mobile communication or social media networks. Investigation is also ineffective because in most situations he doesn't need weapons, storage dumps or explosives. So before the execution phase, it is very difficult for even the most professional of intelligence agencies to detect the likelihood of such an operation. So this explains the anxiety of the West, specially America and France, with regards to the growth and spread of this phenomenon in their societies. It is a nightmare which has ruined their peace of mind.

This is why it is incumbent on us to not ignore this weapon. In fact, we should try to make it a more common occurrence and develop its methods to inflict greater damage on the enemies. Thus we can make them lose any sense of security whatsoever. At that point, they might return to their senses and stop their aggression which has gone on for far too long.

► What is the way out from the oppression which the Ummah is passing through, and what is your vision for the future?

It is not hidden from anyone with an understanding of classical and contemporary history that if there is a nation which has faced attacks and conspiracies more than any other nation in the world, it is the Islamic Nation. If any other nation had faced even a quarter of what our Ummah has faced in its history, it would have declined and disappeared from the map of history. There can be no doubt that the attacks and conspiracies faced by our Ummah have left behind residues and deep imprints, the outlines of which are discernible in the following:

The abject state the Ummah is in, primarily because of the rulers who have imposed themselves on it. Thus there has been a general drift away from the guidance of Allah in all aspects of life: governance, politics, judiciary, education, economy, trade, ethics, and manners. This is one of the reasons of the Ummah having reached this state of weakness, humiliation and worthlessness where it became an easy prey for every covetous enemy. This is in accordance with the saying of Allah, ﴿Whosoever turns away from My Re-

minder, verily for him is a life of hardship.﴿ So there must be change, and the first step in the path to change is what Allah has mentioned in this verse, ﴾Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in their hearts.﴿

Turn back to its Deen and resume an Islamic life in which the authority belongs to the Quran and Sunnah. The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "*I left amongst you two things. You will never be misguided as long as you hold on to them: The Book of Allah and my Sunnah.*" So a return to the rule of these two pure sources must be the central cause of the Ummah in this age. There is no doubt that this return will not be easy or quick, in fact there is a price to pay. The price is nothing less than skulls, dead bodies, tears, and blood. Allah says, ﴾Do people think that they will be left alone on saying, 'We believe', and that they will not be tested. We did test those before them, and Allah will certainly know those who are true from those who are false.﴿ So if the Ummah wants to return to Islam its state and glory, and get back its dignity and respect, it must fulfill its role of enjoining good and forbidding evil. It must be truthful to Allah, be patient with the difficulties of turning back to Him and work to revive the forgotten obligation of Jihad among its sons.

The signs of this revival have already started emerging on the horizon, and all praise belongs to Allah. The Ummah has made great strides in its Jihad, which has reached all corners of the world, and there is hardly any country in the world- small or big, near or far- except that Jihad has entered it, by way of honor or by way of humiliation; honor with which Allah strengthens Islam and its people, or humiliation with which he degrades Kufr.

This is what makes us anticipate the dawn that will break forth with victory, the signs of which are visible from the farthest corners of the east to the west. The flags of Truth have fluttered from the north to the south, and the knights of Islam have raised the flag of Jihad at a stone's throw from our pillaged al-Aqsa. It is the view of many enemies- before Muslims- that the future belongs to this Deen; it belongs to this Ummah. This is why the Mujahideen and their Muslim brethren who support them must exercise more patience and be wary of weakness or failure. More sacrifices and more selflessness is the need of the hour. As Ibn al Qayyim (may Allah have mercy on him) says, "The stupidest of people is the one who loses his way in the last leg of his journey, when he has almost reached his destination."
﴾And do not weaken, nor grieve, for you will be superior in victory, if you indeed are true Believers.﴿

## A MESSAGE TO THE LONE MUJAHID

It will hardly be an exaggeration if we say that the Lone Mujahid is an Ummah by himself. We have seen that at times Allah blesses these Mujahideen with the kind of success that soldiers or entire armies are unable to attain. How many Lone Jihad operations have had the impact of changing policies, bringing about the fall of political parties or even governments in some of the strongest and most influential countries of the world! This is why the martyrdom-seeker and Inghimasi (storm trooper) instills more fear in the hearts of the enemy than other fighters.



It is due to the positive results of Lone Jihad operations that we invite the sons of our Ummah to adopt this new method of Jihad and hold on to it firmly. With it we can take revenge for the oppressed Muslims who are facing genocide in Burma, Myanmar, Mosul, Aleppo, al Quds, Gaza, Benghazi, Darna and other parts of the Muslim world.

## MESSAGE TO THE MUJAHIDEEN IN THE FRONTS:

I would like to remind my Mujahideen brothers the word of advice given by Ameerul Momineen Umar bin al Khattab to the Ameer of his army, Sa'ad bin Abi Waqas (may Allah be pleased with them), as has been mentioned in the narrations:

"I command you and those with you from the army to be fearful of Allah in every situation, for fear of Allah is the best preparation against the enemy and the strongest plot in war. I command you to be on your guard against your sins more than you are watchful of your enemy, for people's sins are more dangerous for them than their enemy. Muslims are only given victory because of the disobedience of their enemy to Allah; otherwise, we would not have been able to overcome them, because our numbers and equipment are not a match for theirs. So if we become equal in our sins, they will have an edge over us in terms of power. And if we are not able to defeat them with our moral superiority, we will not be able to overcome them with our might. Know that in your journey you have with you guardians from Allah; they know what you do. So have shame with them. Do not commit acts of disobedience, for you are in the way of Allah. Do not think say, 'Our enemy is worse than us, so it will not be imposed on us', for people have had those worse than them imposed over them. Ask Allah to help you against yourselves just as you ask Him for victory against your enemy.'

Therefore, my message to them is: Do not fear your enemy. Do not fear anything except your sins. Do not be divided amongst yourselves in units, factions, and groups. Do not dispute amongst yourselves, for if you do so, Allah will deprive you of your strength and remove your fear from the hearts of your enemies. Do we not find in the Book of Allah, ﴾Verily, this community of yours is a single community﴿, so why cannot our group be a single group. Does not Allah (swt) say in His Book, ﴾Verily, Allah loves those who fight in His path in solid ranks, as though they were a building firm and compact﴿ so for what good do we fight our battle against them with numerous banners, scattered lines, and torn hearts.

On this point, we remind them of the saying of Sheikh Usama (may Allah have mercy on him), "If it is true that mutual disputation and disagreement is among the most prominent causes of failure and the loss of strength which the Ummah is suffering from, it is equally true that unity, joining ranks, and holding on firmly to the rope of Allah is the key to victory and success, and the door to dominance and leadership. Allah (swt) commands us to adhere to unity, ﴾And hold firmly to the rope of Allah together, and be not divided among yourselves﴿. And he warns us against disunity and disputation, ﴾And do not dispute with one another, lest you lose courage, and your strength departs, and be patient.

Surely, Allah is with those who are patient.﴾

So, my dear friends, let us fear Allah regarding this Deen. And let us fear Allah when it comes to this oppressed and subjugated Ummah. And let us be on our guard against being afflicted with those before us when they disobeyed Allah, ﴿And let those who oppose the Messenger's commandments beware, lest some trial befall them or a painful torment be afflicted on them.﴾

For the Sunnah of Allah does not favor anyone.

## MESSAGE TO THE HEAD OF DISBELIEF, AMERICA:

America should know that the Muslim Ummah against which it plots and schemes day in and day out, was, is and shall remain the best of Ummah brought forth for mankind.
It is an Ummah which will stand witness against all other nations (on the Day of Judgment).
It is a victorious, innocent Ummah, in the care and Mercy of Allah; it weakens and falls ill, but never dies.
How beautiful is the influence of this Ummah on other nations, and just how ugly is the influence of other nations on this Ummah!
The Tatars overcame it. They disappeared, this Ummah survived.
Imperialism tried to dominate it. Imperialism disappeared, this Ummah survived.
Today, America has entered the fray with its antagonism and made alliances to defeat this Ummah. America shall disappear too, and the Muslim Ummah shall remain, standing tall, imposing, high in stature. It shall not be harmed by the opposition and hostility of its adversaries.

## MESSAGE TO THE ISLAMIC COMMUNITY IN AMERICA

We say to them what the Mujahid Sheikh, Anwar al Awlaqi (may Allah have mercy on him) said in his message, '*A Message to the American People*', "To the Muslims in America i have this to say: How can your conscious allow you to leave in peaceful coexistence with a nation that is responsible for the tyranny and crimes committed against your own brothers and sisters! How can you have your loyalty to a government that is leading a war against Islam and Muslims!The Muslim community in America has been witnessing a gradual erosion and decline in core Islamic principles, so today many of you scholars and Islamic organizations are openly approving of Muslims serving in the US army to kill Muslims, Joining the FBI to spy against Muslims and are standing between you and your duty of Jihad. Slowly but surely your situation is becoming similar to that of the embattled Muslim community of Spain after the fall of Grenada. Muslims of the West, take heed and learn from the lessons of history. There are ominous clouds gathering in you horizon. Yesterday America was a land of slavery, segregation, lynching and Ku Klax Klan, and tomorrow it will be a land of religious discrimination and concentration camps.

Don't be deceived by the promises of preserving your rights from the government that is right now killing your own brothers and sisters. Today with the war between Muslims and the West escalating, you cannot count on the message of solidarity you may get from a civic group or a political party; or the word of support you hear from a kind neighbor or a nice co-worker. The West will eventually turn against its Muslim citizens."

## MESSAGE TO THE WARRING FRENCH STATE

France! Do you know that the time for settling debts has approached? So do not think that you will escape punishment! And start preparing to pay what you owe to Muslims, in cash and in kind.

France! Answer this question:

What were you to lose if you allowed Muslims to live freely, practice their religion, speak their language, follow the Sunnah of their Prophet (ﷺ), gather in their Masajid, and refer to the Shariah of their Lord in their affairs?

What were you to lose if you left the resources of the Muslim world to Muslims and not plunder them, and left to them their world, and not corrupt it?

You have plotted, schemed and committed the most heinous of crimes, only so that Algeria might remain French. Today, after two centuries of occupation, it is you who is trembling in fear of France becoming Islamic. Leave Mali and its affairs alone. Leave Africa to its people. Stop interfering in our affairs, for we are not stopping our Jihad until you stop your aggression against Muslims.

If you persist in your arrogance, then do not forget that Islam has men who do not sleep over oppression, and are not content with naive deals or a lowly life.

'Honor, power and glory belong to Allah, His Messenger (ﷺ) and the believers, but the hypocrites know not.'

# TIMELINE

## TRAIN DERAILS IN AMERICA

**COLORADO, 1904.**
Express train from Colorado Springs to Pueblo making its way over Porter Creek Gulch in heavy rains when a flash flood hit the wooden structure and derailed the locomotive. 96 people were killed.

**NEW YORK, 1918.**
Underground rapid transit train sped on a curve at 30 mph instead of 6mph, derailing and killing 102 people onboard.

**PHILADELPHIA, 1943.**
Pennsylvania Railroad's fastest train of its time. Flames broke out of one of the car's hot box, breaking the axle and forcing the train off its tracks.

**NORTH CAROLINA, 1943.**
Passenger train speeding at 85mph derailed and lost three cars. During rescue operations another train came from the opposite direction and crashed into the derailed cars. 72 people were killed.

**NEW JERSEY, 1951.**
The train made its way over the new railroad tracks, approaching a curve with high speed and derailing down a 20- foot embankment. 85 people were killed.

**ONTARIO, 1979.**
Freight train derailed due to weak rail maintenance. it was carrying chemicals, among them chlorine, toluene and propane which spilled into the air and on the tracks. 200,000 people were evacuated. Studies have shown that if there had been strong winds on that day around 15,000 people would have lost their lives.

**ALABAMA, 1993.**
Amtrak train 2 derailed into a swamp killing 47 people and injuring 103 others

**FLORIDA, 2002.**
Amtrak train traveling at about 56 mph derailed as a result of a heat-induced track buckle that developed because of inadequate track-surfacing operations. 4 people killed and 140 injured.

**CALIFORNIA, 2005.**
Metrotrain derailed after colliding with an abandoned SUV. 11 people killed 180 injured.

**PHILADELPHIA, 2015.**
Amtrak passenger train derailed after approaching a curve at 100mph instead of 50mph. 8 people were killed, more than 200 injured.





# SECURITY FOR THE LONE MUJAHID

## PART 1 - PSYCHOLOGICAL SECURITY

Security is a human necessity that all people search for, utilizing most of their resources to achieve it. There are two main types of security; Security of the body and Psychological security. Allah the Exalted says in the Quran, mentioning His Grace and Favor upon the Quraysh: ﴿Who has fed them, [saving them] from hunger and made them safe, [saving them] from fear﴾.. Today, we refer to safety from hunger as food security, which is a part of economic security and generally connected to the security of the body. The same goes for health care, security over properties, life and others. As for the second type of security, Allah the Exalted says in the verse: ﴿and made them safe from fear﴾. This is connected to the psychology of a person. It is as important as the first type but rather more important in the scales of Sharia. All human beings seek out this type of security and search for it by all means. The absence of psychological security among people causes depression in their lives, increasing the percentage of suicides. This matter is more noticeable in Western countries, which strive to satisfy desires of the body yet end up living in stress, worry, tension and misery without knowing the causes. They ask themselves how do I regain this lost life? Or how can I be happy and attain stability and tranquility in this life?

To tackle these questions, Western scholars such as Rogers, Albert, Maslow and others, have written theories regarding psychological security. Yet we find among the famous of them those who committed suicide as a way to escape from their depressed life. An example is the scholar Dale Carnegie, the author of the book "*How to Stop Worrying and Start Living*". Why does such a scholar commit suicide? Why did he fail to obtain psychological security? Does his speech and book really secure and cover this sought-after security?

It is amazing that these scholars are tasked with healing man's psychological needs and yet we find them too blind to see the important facts that help them realize just that. And it is not that every man's psychological need is manifest and apparent, such as self-actualization, belongingness... etc. The soul calls for something much deeper than that. It will not calm, as long as it has no knowledge about the reason of its existence in this life, the secular scholars in the West have failed to give answers to this question. Life according to secularism, is all about tangibles and being materialistic, totally void of meaning and spirit. According to them, religion does not agree with the mind. This is the reality of life in the West today. They believe that the Bible and the church is a thing of the past and that they are just beliefs whose main importance is just to give the soul tranquility and calmness. But soon after, their 'reason' and 'knowledge' intervenes and says, "these are just a bunch of tales and superstitions". Therefore, societies in the West still suffer from this terrible contradiction. And in spite of this, the mind still insists on finding a clear answer to the most important question; Why am I here in this life? Where will I go after death? Who is the creator of this wonderful universe? For a while, the mind wonders around and finally answers itself ... It cannot be that this creation is just a mere coincidence. What does the creator of this universe want from us? Which is His true religion? Is it correct to say that He created us and left us in neglect? Or allow the religion to contradict the mind and intellect?

Indeed, it cannot be that the He created this wonderful universe and kept this accurate system without giving us a persuasive answer about the reason of this creation and perfect system. In addition, it cannot be that the Creator gave us a religion that contradicts with this order and the universe He created. And it cannot be that He left us without giving us a source of reference. A reference that give us solutions to our problems and needs. Such questions might be difficult for some to answer ... yet any Muslim child can give a full and persuasive answer to them all; by saying, "we believe that the Creator is Allah - be he Glorified and Exalted - and that His book is the Quran, revealed to guide us to the right path and satisfy our needs; apparent or hidden." - giving answers to questions that still puzzle the secular scholars and philosophers.

As for us, the Quran and our religion does not in any way contradict with the harmonious universal system. Islam does not contradict with the science of the universe in its different theoretical and practical knowledge. This great religion never contradicts with facts. We do not practice the disassociation done by secular Christianity. Our religion is not only in mosques, but rather in all spheres and walks of life, our daily work and every aspect of the universe. It is a wonderful harmonious consistent religion, because the Creator is One and the religion and universe belongs to Him.

A secularist may say that even Muslims commit suicide and some of them live in tension and worry, does Islam not give them psychologi-

cal security, tranquility and stability?

We say to him that Islam is not just a mere belief in the heart. Rather it is belief and declaration of word and action. When a Muslim neglects or desists from performing Islamic duties, he immediately loses this security. The degree of psychological security in a person is in relation to his implementation and commitment to the commands of his religion. The holy Quran has summarized and explained this, placing a base rule for psychological security, Allah says; ﴿It is those who believe and confuse not their belief with zulm (wrong i.e. by worshiping others besides Allah) , for them (only) there is security and they are guided ﴾[6:82]

This great verse explains that whoever believes in Allah as stated in Islam without mixing his belief with any kind of injustice, will definitely attain complete security in this world and the hereafter. Injustice is in many forms, the greatest of them is shirk (associating others in worship besides Allah). Then comes different levels of wrongdoings, the higher the offence the lesser and weaker the degree of security. It is well known and mentioned in the noble verse that believing in Allah requires believing in Quran and His Prophet. The Prophet (ﷺ) came to explain the Noble Quran by his sayings and actions, until the book (Quran) became a complete system in all matters of life, solving all problems we face in our life. Thus building for us a perfect individual being, a perfect family and society. If we contemplate well in the Quran and Sunna of our Prophet (ﷺ) we will find an exemplary unique way to bring up an individual Muslim.

Therefore, Islam grants the Muslim his natural needs and builds upon his independent mind personality. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: "*Any-one of you should not be like the Immaa (One who obeys people in any case, whether right or wrong) ...*". This means that any Muslim individual should arbitrate his mind in every single matter of this life. He should not obey and follow people blindly. Islam educates the Muslim individual not to be weak, it orders him not to accept injustice and to seek his rights rightfully without transgressing. Islam has comprehensively elaborated to the Muslim family on how it should conduct itself, beginning with the relationship between spouses, relation between parents and their offspring. And placing strict punishment upon anything that break up the family, such as committing adultery and other wrongs. The family structure is the second most important building block in an Islamic society, the first being the Muslim individual. Islam structures and directs the relationship between the individual and the society, ordering him to be effective and positive, ordering him to call unto what is good and to warn on what Islam is forbidden. To organize his social relations with his surrounding environment through the mosque that binds him five times daily with his neighbors. This great religion builds up relation between a Muslim and his brother, thus an Islamic bond and sense of belonging is formed. This bond is greater than any other. A sense of belonging in Islam is preferred over the bond of lineage, tribe or region. Allah be He - Glorified (and Exalted) - says in His Noble book: ﴿You will not find a people who believe in Allah and the Last Day making friendship with those who oppose Allah and His Messenger, even if they were their fathers or their sons or their brothers or their kindred. For such he has written Faith in their hearts, and strengthened them with Ruh (proofs, light and true guidance) from himself. And he will admit them to gardens (paradise) under which rivers flow to dwell therein (forever). Allah is pleased with them, and they are pleased with Him. They are the party of Allah. Verily it is the party of Allah that will be the successful"﴾ [58:22]

In spite of this, Islam does not forbid natural love towards parents even if they are not Muslims, rather it orders you to be good and dutiful to them unless they strive you to disobey Allah. Allah say in the Quran ﴿And We have enjoined on man [to be dutiful and good] to his parents. His mother bore him in weakness and hardship upon weakness and hardship, and his weaning is in two years _ give thanks to Me and to your parents. Unto Me is the final destination. But if they (both) strive with you to make you join in worship with Me others that of which you have no knowledge, then obey them not; but behave with them in [this] world kindly.﴾ [31:14]

This is so as to make the Muslim be grateful to them, give them the grace and kindness that they granted him during his childhood. But Islam regulates this obedience and loyalty. Loyalty to another Muslim is prioritized over any other non-Muslim, even if they are among the closest of relatives. So it is prohibited to ally with a non-Muslim against a Muslim, and whosoever does that will have gone out of the fold of Islam. Islam orders you to give victory to your Muslim brother and insists that the bond of religion and affiliation to Islam be prioritized. And when a Muslim sees his Muslim brothers being oppressed and killed and does not give victory with what he is capable of, he would have indeed violated the orders of Allah and committed a sin; dragged into failure, irrespective of his good deeds, especially in these days where the so called 'superpower' tyrannies kill tens of thousands of Muslims. And at a time when he silently watches America giving support to Israel,who kill the Muslims in Palestine and loot their lands.

Allah's commands in the Quran, with regards to this issue are clear. And among the clearest of His commands are those of *al-wala wal-bara* (loyssalty towards Muslims and enmity towards the disbelievers). *al-wala wal-baraa* is found in all stories of the Prophets in the Noble Quran. This is the religion of our father Ibrahim, any Muslim who reads about his life story will definitely know the reality and the meaning of it. A person's soul will remain restless unless he answers the call of Allah and obey Him by giving victory to the oppressed.

Following the commands of Allah and implementing them practically, brings forth real security in one's self even in matters that seem risky and dangerous. An honest Muslim knows that Islam orders him to be stern towards the disbelievers, ordering him not to be weak in defending his wealth, rights and his own self. For example, if a person were to take your wealth by force, then according to Islam you can fight him so as to defend your wealth. If he kills you, you are a martyr and if the aggressor is killed he will be in hellfire.

Islam nurtures a Muslim individual to be strong and powerful, not to abandon his honor and dignity even if it leads to his death. It nurtures him to give victory to his Muslim brother and maintain his dignity - and this is one of the most important causes of Psychological Security for the Muslim individual and society in general.

A Muslim who implements the commands of Allah with regards to defending his fellow Muslims, is faced with a complicated reality. On one side he sees powerful countries - led by America - overpowering and dominating the Muslims. On the other side - a much worse scenario - are the Muslim rulers who stand by in support of these countries against the Muslim people. One should carefully study and understand this scenario, reality and what made it to exist - so as to expose and know who the real enemy is. Expose those who claim themselves to be Muslims, and come to a realization that one goes against the fold of Islam if he allies himself with the disbelievers against the Muslims. And so it becomes imperative for him to know his allies and foes even before he begins defending Muslims. This too is one of the reasons for psychological security, this is because when one is contented and has the correct persuasion then it becomes in-line with his own self and *fitrah* (natural disposition).

Knowing the rules and commands of Allah, in a specific environment in which a person lives in, is important even before one decides to give victory to Islam - known as *fatwa shari'yah* (legal Islamic ruling). A *fatwa* approval is required for his deed to be in-line with what pleases Allah. And so that his own self, mind and religion shun away feelings of hesitation and the likes, when

embarking upon a certain deed. Shaytan ignites these emotions - such as longing for the parents, children and family - so as to prevent him from implementing the commands of Allah. When such temptations rise in a person, then he should think of the commands of Allah, what Allah is pleased with and not the needs of ones desires. Allah says in the Quran, ﴾O you who believe! Verily, among your wives and your children are enemies for you (who may stop you from the obedience of Allah); therefore, beware of them! But if you pardon (them) and overlook and forgive (their faults), then verily, Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. Your wealth and your children are only a trial, whereas Allah! With Him is a great reward (Paradise).﴿[64:14-15]

The most important step in obtaining security is that your behavior and actions should be guided by your faith and belief, not just mere sentiments. The most difficult test was the test of Ibrahim (عليه السلام), when Allah ordered him to slaughter his son Ismail (عليه السلام). Ibrahim, succeeded in that difficult test because he did not hesitate nor precede his parental sentiments over the commands of Allah. And thus it should be an example for the believer.

When a Muslim decides to perform a military operation, having the confidence he needs and knowing that Allah will be pleased, he should then move on to the next step; which is having confidence on the feasibility and benefit of the operation politically and militarily, even if it be on the long run and even if he will not be there to see the outcome. What is required from us is to perform actions in the correct manner, legally (according to Islamic Shariah), politically and militarily even if we do not attain the results we expect to see. What is important is to strive hard to attain the best and sound results. The most important thing is sacrifice upon the correct path even though the results may be witnessed long after a decade or more. Therefore, achieving full confidence is very important for the Muslim individual, in order to gain victory to his religion. Confidence is an important factor in achieving security in every stage of a deed. A confident Muslim who is upon the right path, doing what his religion orders him to do will be more patient in the toughest of circumstances that he might face, such as imprisonment. Umar Al-Farooq (May Allah hasten his release) is a good example to this; he stood firm and addressed the judge telling him, "paradise is in my heart". This is an example of a person who has freed himself from the shackles of humans and submitted towards Allah Alone.

During the preparation stage, a Mujahid takes necessary measures and precautions that will lead him to his target. Among the most important of these measures is secrecy. And after that he should have faith and trust and then leave the matter to Allah Alone - and this is the reality of *tawakal* (putting your trust and dependence towards Allah). The verses of the Noble Quran that urge the believers to fight Jihad, also urges them to put their trust in Allah. Two aspects are involved in any operation; the required measures and *tawakul*, Allah says in the Noble Quran ﴾You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help (for each and every thing)﴿ . So, when the slave puts his trust in Allah, his strength in his deeds or operation increases and his *yaqin* towards victory increases and thus feels safety, security and tranquility in himself.

Supplication is the most important aspect of success for a Mujahid, and he should constantly supplicate towards Allah in all phases of his operation. It brings one closer towards Allah, making him attain bliss in this life and hereafter; with it oneself is in safety and calm while it secludes itself in seeking assistance from Allah alone. So how can the one who clings himself towards Allah and increase in supplication towards Him not be successful ? And why shouldn't he be in safety in this world and the hereafter.

Another important matter is for the Mujahid to be steadfast and get accustomed to trials that he might face as a result of his decision to embark upon this path. He should be aware that trials are among the *sunnah* of Allah, testing with them the steadfast and faith of His slaves - revealing the reality of their belief. Allah says in the Quran: ﴾Alif, Lam, Meem * Do people think that they will be left alone because they say: "We believe," and will not be tested. * And We indeed tested those who were before them. And Allah will certainly make (it) known (the truth of) those who are true, and will certainly make (it) known (the falsehood of) those who are liars, (although Allah knows all that before putting them to test). * Or think those who do evil deeds that they can outstrip Us (i.e. escape our punishment)? Evil is that which they judge! * Whoever hopes for the Meeting with Allah, then Allah's Term is surly coming. And He is the All-Hearer, the All-knower.* And whosoever strives, he strives only for himself. Verily, Allah stands not in need of the 'Alamin' (mankind, jinn and all that exists﴿ [29:1-6].

When the Mujahid understands that the people most affected by trials and tribulations for the sake of Allah are the Prophets – peace be upon them -. And that people are tested with trials in accordance to the level of their faith ... then this will help him to be steadfast and patient when afflicted by trials. And when the Mujahid becomes aware that suffering for the sake of Allah is a milestone of this path; and that these afflictions on this earth, places one at a higher level in paradise on the Day of Judgment, a level that cannot be achieved unless one is tested by these afflictions. Hence, he will be pleased and live up to any trial he confronts in the future, and knowing that it is a decree from Allah and therefore his self will be tranquil and calm because he surrendered, trusted and placed all matters towards Allah, the All-Mighty.

And in the final stage, just before executing an operation, one should increase in prayers and supplication. This is because he is close to meet Allah and stand before him. And whoever is true in his words and deeds, and reaches this level, then he will live the most beautiful moments of his life. This is what those who tested such stances say - they are the ones who carry out martyrdom operations.

And when a Mujahid finally performs an operation, it is important for him to increase in supplication towards Allah, make all his heart attached to Allah, who says ﴾O you who believe! when you meet an (enemy) force, take a firm stand against them and remember the Name of Allah much (both with tongue and mind, so that you may be successful. ﴿ [8:45]

We ask Allah to make our hearts calm, safe and secured in this world and the hereafter.



MAIN ARTICLE

# TRAIN DERAIL OPERATIONS

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Trains are one of the most modern and important means of transportation. Its history began in the 19th century and has ever since revolutionized the transportation system. The very first rails were laid down in Britain, which brought with it the great industrial revolution that has had a great impact on our civilization as a whole. As a result of this new reality - emergence of the train - there was great interconnection across the globe; long distances now seemed shorter. It was a stimulus for industries, cultures and general transportation of people, both in Europe and America. Therefore, trains became the most important means of transportation for passengers and freight.

During the industrial revolution, factories in Great Britain needed an efficient means of transportation to cater for their bulky loads. And so trains were seen as the best choice to transport raw materials extracted from remote regions into factories - within the shortest time possible. Railways extended increasingly beyond the British boarders to respond to the needs of their huge growing factories. And with it grew its urge to acquire the resources of other nations. Because of this, Britain invaded many nations, occupying them and establishing colonies in Africa and Asia. Thus, the super powers were expanding, developing and nourishing from the blood and resources of the poor people.

A similar scenario was going on in America, railways connected the Eastern states to the Western states after long decades of isolation. The Anglo-Saxon settlers benefitted from the new means of transportation, and were able to reach remote territories inhabited by the indigenous America people. And so this development affected them tremendously. Railways empowered the strong and made them stronger, who then thrived and nourished their lives by devouring upon the poor. For example, the Anglo-Saxon community in America killed around 40 million bison, not mainly because of the meat or hide but so as to deprive the indigenous communities from a main source of food. What was important for them was the survival of their race. So the livelihood of the indigenous was destroyed because of the immergence of this means of transport - trains. Today, this image recurs itself across the globe and in a much greater proportion. Trains are among the means of transportation that interconnect the world, paving way for new settlers to enter into Islamic Lands and other countries. This article will focus on America, Britain and France.

Trains are considered to be the primary transportation means in some countries. Apart from being used to transport passengers, great industrial countries depended on trains to transport various goods, products, agricultural harvests and raw materials.

Trains are categorized according to their area of work. They are divided into three main categories:

- **URBAN RAIL TRANSIT:** Trains, which provide passenger services within cities - such as the subway metro.
- **REGIONAL TRAINS:** Connect outskirts with neighboring cities.
- **INTER-CITY TRAINS:** Traveling long distances between regions and cities.

These types of trains are used in most countries around the world. In America, 50% of freight - an estimate of 2000 metric tons - is transported by trains across American cities on a daily a bases. 75% of the passengers living in the outskirts use regional trains, an indication that it is among the most favorable means of transport for them. Railways extend across America, and there are 10,000 daily express trains operating throughout the country transporting different loads and freights. Therefore, 95% of trains' economic income come from freight transportation not passengers. Most railways and train movement are concentrated in the Eastern states, where the population density is too high. And on a daily bases, over 3.5 million U.S. passengers use train transportation.

In Britain, 2 million people board 15,000 trains across the kingdom, daily. And in London, there are 7 main train stations. Trains in France are distinguished for their high speed and modern trains, the length of the railways and overcrowded train stations. France is considered as a central point for West Europe train networks that interconnect throughout Europe. Thus Paris is considered as a central point for the French train network.

These few statistics that we have mentioned above give us an overview on how these countries are dependent on such means of transportations. And how the economy of these countries are directly dependent on the security of these transportation means. We also have freight trains that transport millions of tons of goods, industrial products, agricultural harvests and raw materials. It is because of this that trains are referred to as the life-blood for the economy of industrial countries, such as America. Freight trains are classified as either local or International.

Large populations in big cities led to the necessity of passenger trains, so as to cater for their transportation needs - such as the subway metro that is found in most major cities. Populations in cities like New York, London and Paris use the subway metro as the main means of transportation, mainly because of the high traffic in roads, its safety and low travel cost.

What we have mentioned above with regards to different type of trains with regards to its uses and importance, it shows us that there is a permanent link between trains and civil life. And so the question arises ...

Can the local security mechanism in place in these countries protect their trains?

Can they protect all the different types of trains?

We will leave the answer to GAO's Testimony before the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, U.S. Senate: "The size and diversity of the freight rail system make it difficult to Adequately secure. The freight rail system’s extensive infrastructure Crisscrosses the nation and extends beyond our borders to move millions of tons of freight each day. There are over 100,000 miles of rail in the United States. The extensiveness of the infrastructure creates an infinite number of targets for terrorists. "

The Committee goes on to mention: "Protecting freight rail assets from attack is made more difficult because of the tremendous variety of freight hauled by railroads. For example, railroads carry freight as diverse as dry bulk (grain) and hazardous materials. The transport of hazardous materials is of particular concern because serious incidents involving these materials have the potential to cause widespread disruption or injury. In 2001, over 83 million tons of hazardous materials were shipped by rail in the United States across the rail network, which extends through every major city as well as thousands of small communities."

They recognize that they cannot completely stop the threat, they say: "Risk management principles acknowledge that while risk cannot be eliminated, enhancing protection from known or potential threats can help reduce it."

And so we find that it is difficult for them to protect the rail system. And if that is so, then how can we target the rail system? And which part of it can be targeted?

Trains can be targeted in three areas;

1. Directly targeting the wagon, either from inside or from outside.
2. The second one is targeting the rail itself so as to derail the train.
3. The third one is targeting train stations, this is because they are always crowded and cause major interruption towards the transportation system.

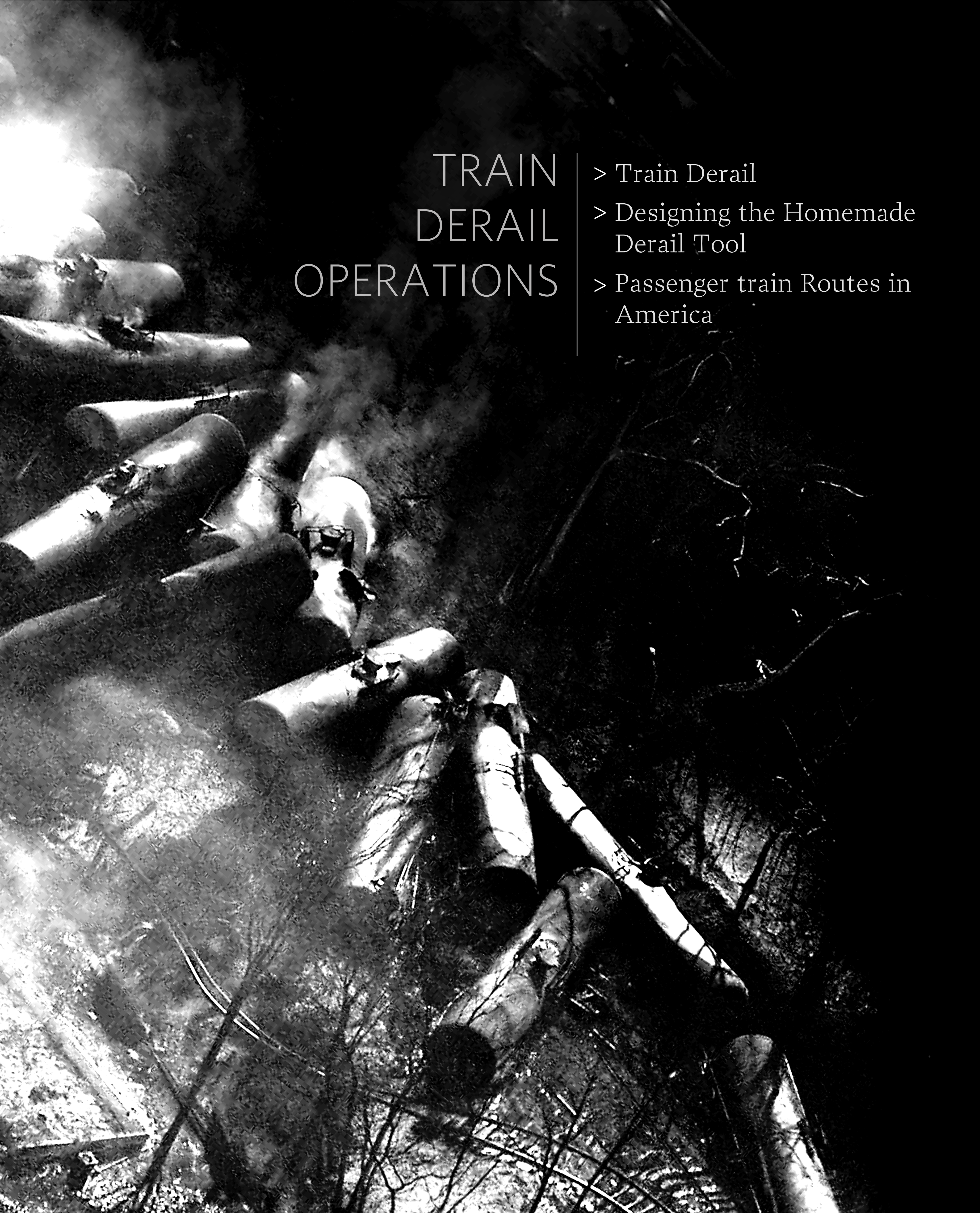
This issue will discuss targeting a train using the second method i.e. by derailing the train from its tracks. This operations can be performed by a single person multiple times. We will explain to you how to make a derail tool and show you the best way of using it in the field. And give you suggestions on the best timing and place to use it.

America's railroads are estimated to be a 1/3 of the world's railway. So how can they protect 240,000 km of railroad ... it is practically impossible. The same goes to Britain, tih 18,500 km and France, with 29,473 km.

It is a daunting and almost impossible task to protect the long railroad length, and yet one of the easiest to target. That may result to great damage and destruction on different levels.

O Mujahideen, it is time that we instill fear and make them impose strict security measures to trains as they did with their Air transportation. Continue to bleed the American economy to more losses, increase the psychological warfare and make it worry, fear and weaken much more. We have to expose more of their vulnerabilities in their security. And when they spend millions of dollars to tackle a vulnerability we should be ready to open a new - by the strength of Allah. Thus we can make their economy bleed and wage a psychological warfare by breaching vulnerabilities in their security.

Despite of that, we expect that there will be no effective solution to the security gaps that may be caused by these types of operations that target the train system. So my brother, be the one to perform this operation -do not hesitate - and always put your trust towards Allah alone and then advance towards your goal.



# TRAIN DERAIL OPERATIONS



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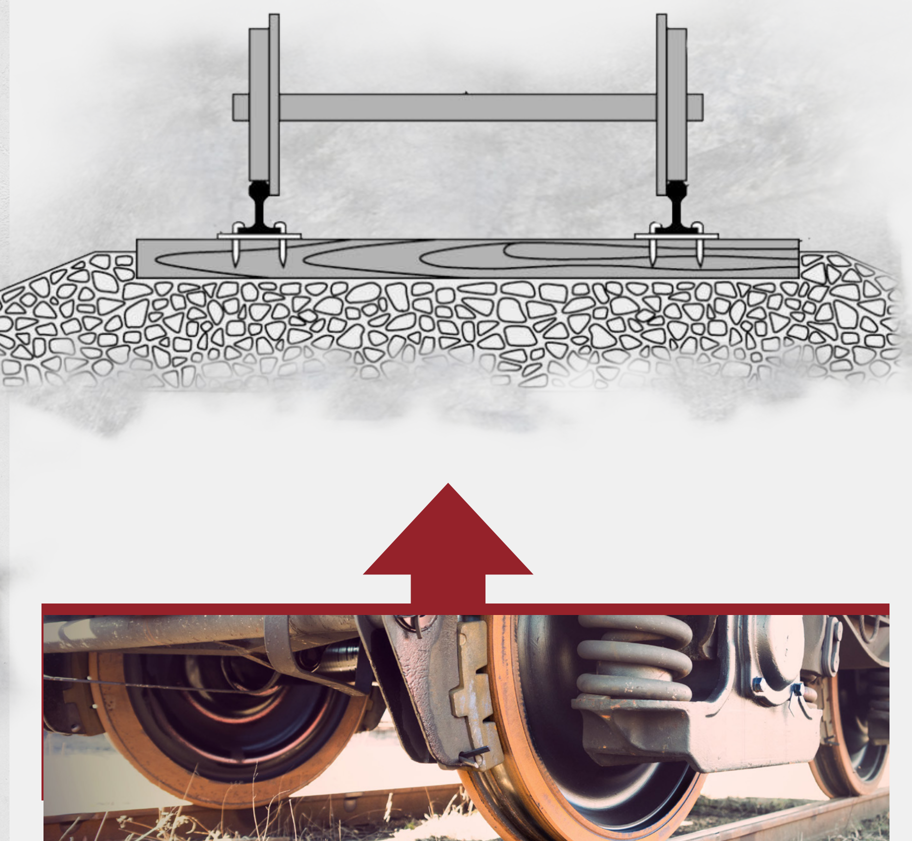
# TRAIN DERAIL

In this edition we will - by the will of Allah - present a simple method for targeting trains. It involves derailing a train from the railroad by placing an object on the tracks. And its purpose will be changing the direction of the wheels and thus derailing the railroad car from the tracks.

## UNDERSTANDING THE STRUCTURE

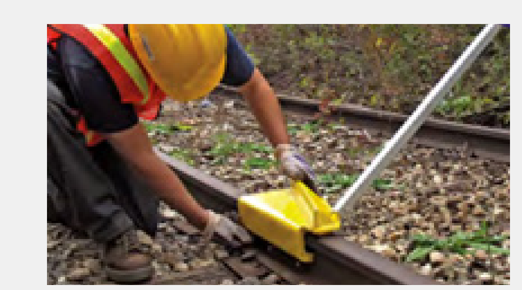



**Top:** illustration of Wheel on Rail cross-section.
**Left:** Picture of Train wheel on rail.



## INDUSTRIAL TRAIN DERAIL TOOL

This tool is used by the track management staff when; the breaks on the train fail and when the continuation of the train's journey on the railroad will result in an accident. Thus the track management intervene and prefer to derail the train so as to minimize the amount of damage.





Track management staff placing a derail on railway track.

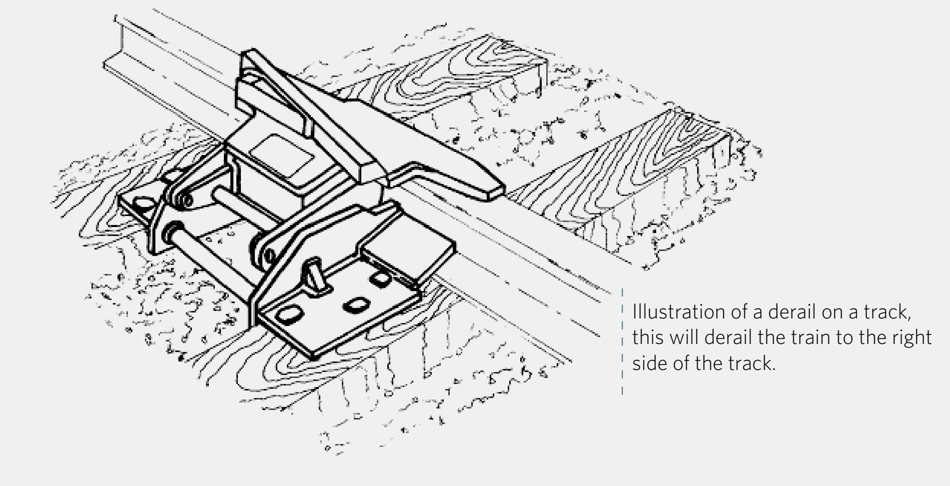
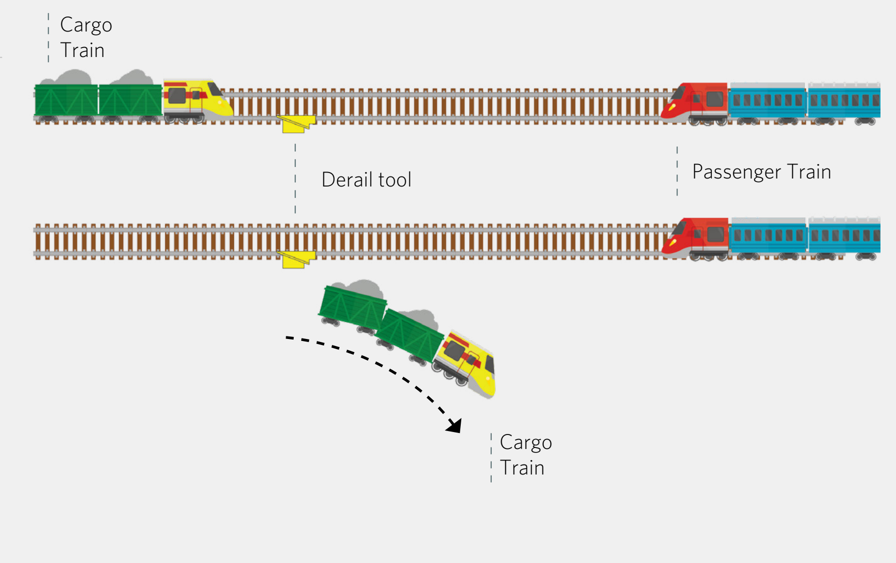


Illustration of a derail on a track, this will derail the train to the right side of the track.

## Example

An illustration of a situation when a derail tool is used to derail a cargo train which is on a head-on collision with a passenger train. Thus preventing greater damage.




# DESIGN CONCEPT FOR THE HOMEMADE DERAIL TOOL

The derail tool used by track management staff is designed using solid metal. As for us we will be using a simple method with readily available materials to design this tool. But before designing the actual tool we will cast a dummy model using Styrofoam so as to simplify understanding the concept for the reader.

Below is a mold of the derail tool made using cardboard, we will then spray Styrofoam inside the mold so as to form a cast for the derail tool. This will allow us to explain the concept with ease.






LEFT: The mold made out of cardboard, we will use this in making a cast (using plastic form) and the real derail tool (made using reinforced concrete).

TOP: The cardboard pieces for making the mold.



Applying the Styrofoam in the mold as shown above.



Filling the mold with the Styrofoam.



Let it dry for some time.



After it dries we remove it from the mold, and thus revealing a plastic model for our derail tool



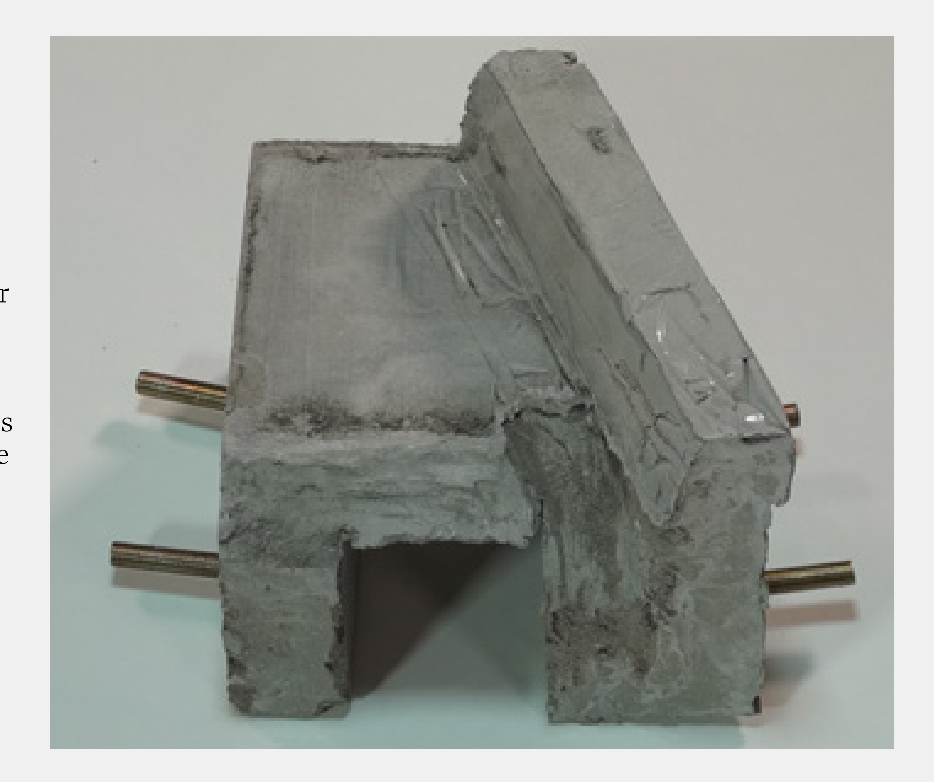
Our model derail tool (in plastic foam) placed over a rail model.

This model of the derail tool can be used to confirm the measurements by placing it on the rail where the operation is to be made. This will confirm if the measurements are correct or not. After the confirmation, one can go on to make the actual derail tool.

## End Result

Using the same method of casting (shown above using Styrofoam) and with the same measurements, we will be making a derail tool using iron reinforced concrete. The reinforced concrete will be our primary material in designing the derail tool.

The picture on the right shows us the end result of our simple homemade derail tool.



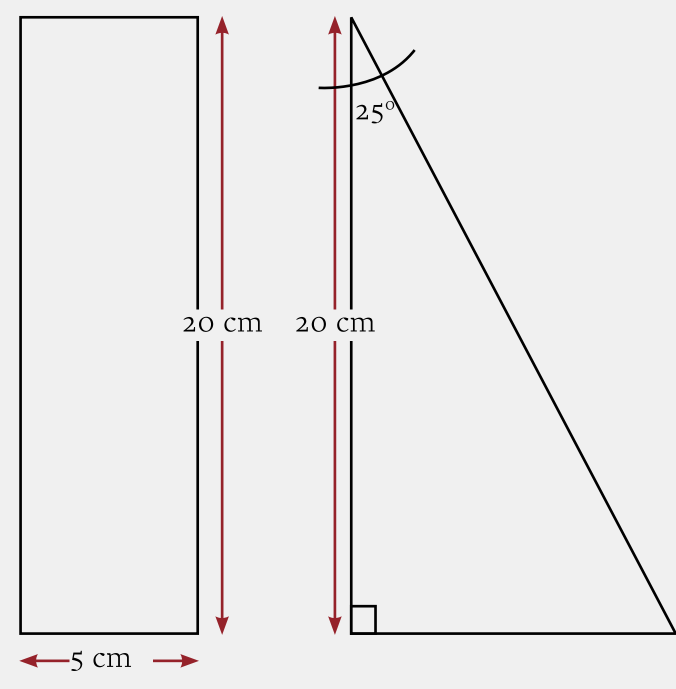


DESIGNING THE
# DERAIL TOOL

The designing of the homemade derail tool will be in six stages. These stages will not take long to accomplish if one understands the idea well and has the required materials needed to design it. We will keep away from using any electronic tools or tools that are specially used in construction, this is so as to remove any traces for suspicion.

## 1 DESIGNING THE MOLD

**a** We will begin by designing the base of the mold using the following measurements.




The Measurements above will be used in making the base of the mold for the derail tool.

**b** We draw the measurements on a cardboard.

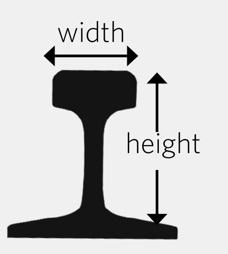


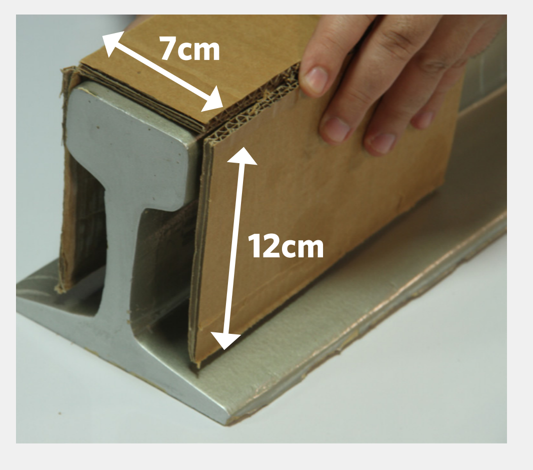
**c** We cut the cardboard based on the measurements we drew above.





**d** We then cut more cardboards based upon the measurements of the width and height of the rail. While the length remains the same i.e. 20 cm.



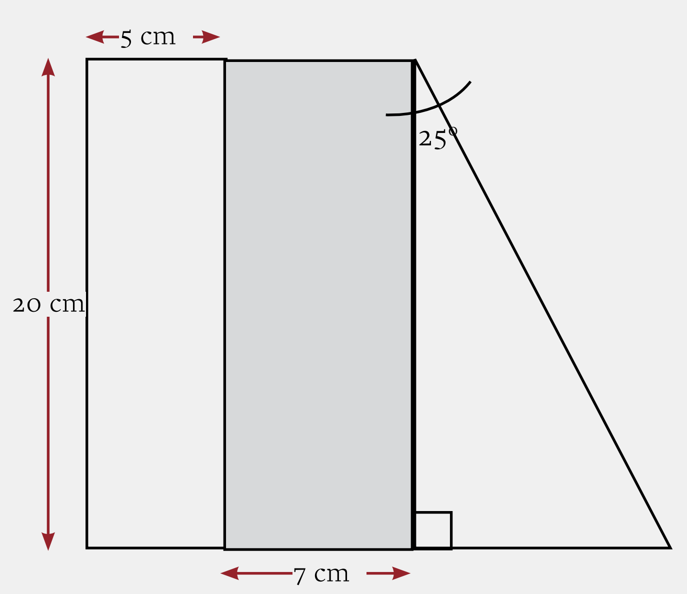

**NB** The size of the rail differs from one place to another. For example, the width of the rail in New York is 6cm. Therefore one should confirm and measure the size of the rail before beginning designing the derail tool.

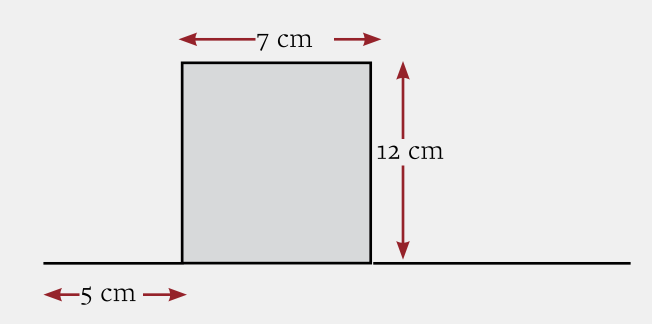
**e** Join the pieces properly using tape and make sure that it is firm as shown in the picture right.



**f** We join the pieces of the base ( **c** & **d**) together with the piece created in **e** (for the rail), we join them together using tape and make sure that the joint is firm, as shown in the picture below.



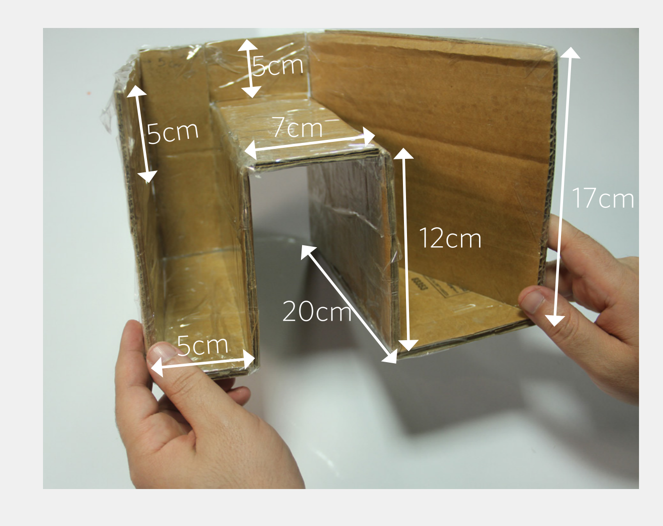


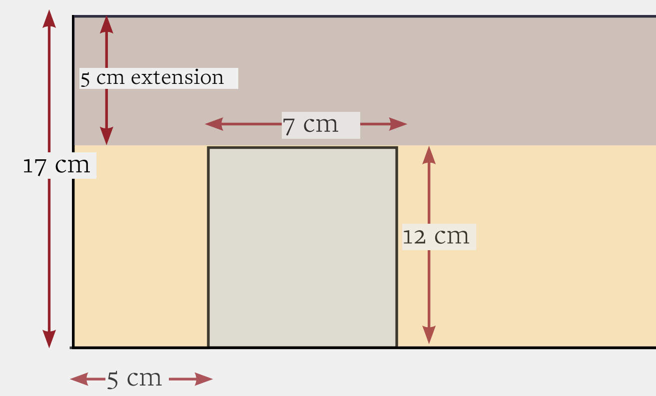




Top Right: Illustration of Top view of the base of the mold.

Bottom Right: Illustration of front Cross-section of the mold after joining the three pieces together.

**g** We then add the remaining cardboard pieces of the base until we form the shape as shown below. i.e. Enclosing the base using cardboards, as shown, and letting it extend 5cm more from the original height of 12 cm.




Top: Illustration of front crossection after extension.

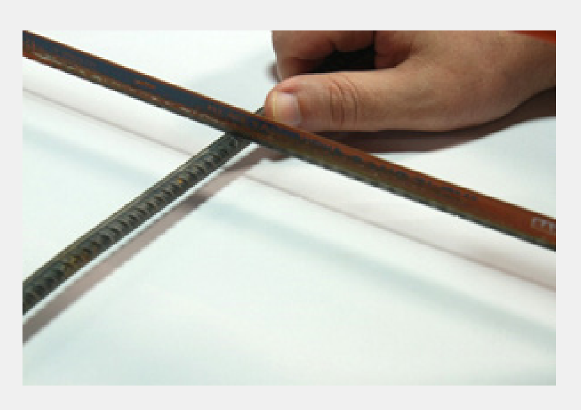
# 2 PREPARING THE REBAR (REINFORCEMENT STEEL BAR)

As we will be using steel-reinforced concrete, therefore the preparation of the rebar will be in two main stages:

**a STAGE 1** Preparing the rebar, based upon the shape and measurements of the mold. Here we will need two skills:

## i CUTTING THE STEEL

Construction wokers use special tools to cut metal. We will be using a handsaw, and the reason for this is that it is easily available and can be acquired without raising any suspicion.



We will be using 6mm rebars.



How to cut the rebars using a handsaw.

## ii BENDING THE REINFORCEMENT STEEL

Bending steel in the construction industry is performed using specialized tools. We on the other hand will design our own simple tool that will be used to bend the steel and not raise any suspicion.

### Designing the bending tool.



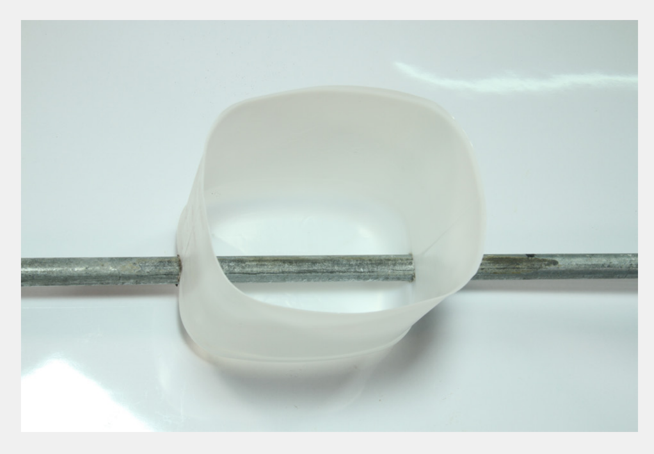
1 - We will be using a plastic container, as shown above.



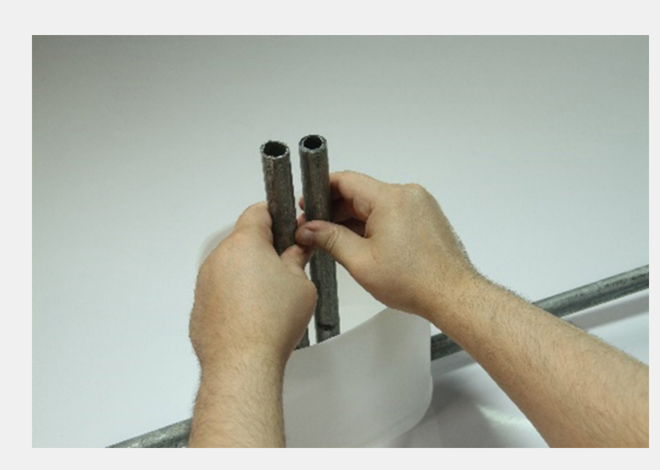
2 - We cut the top part of the container.



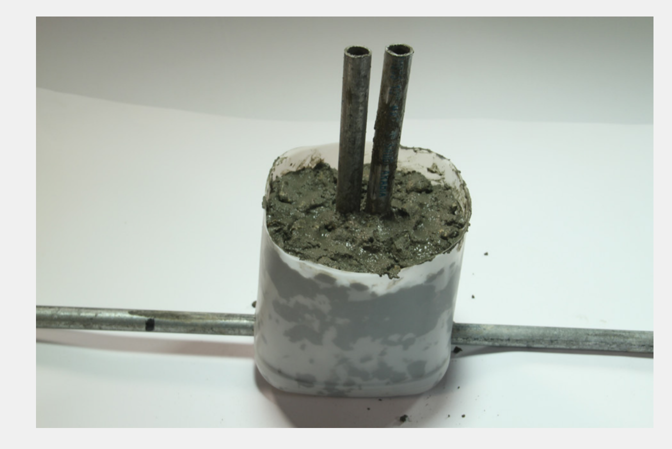
3 - We will need to cut pieces of 1/2 inch pipes as shown above.



4 - We insert a 1 meter pipe at the bottom of the plastic container as shown above.



5 - We place two pipes at the center of the container, the pipes should slightly extend above the container as shown above.



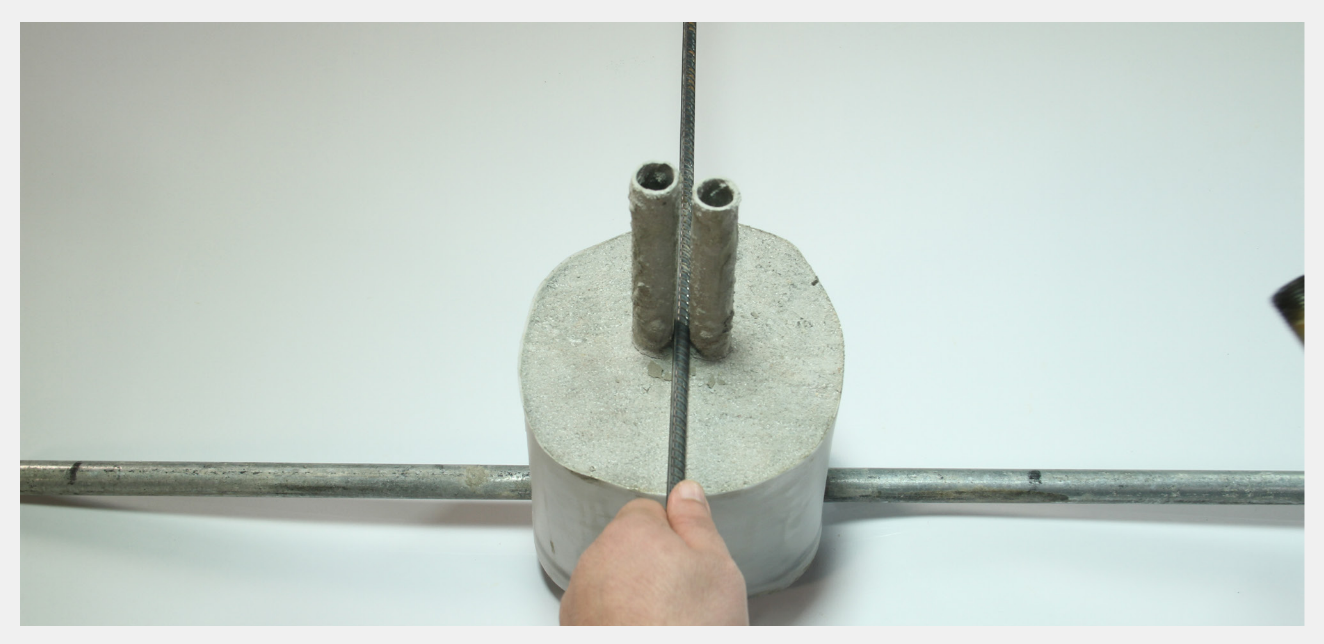
6 - We insert concrete cement until the pipes are firmly attached.



7 - Place the 6mm rebar at the middle of the two pipes and adjust it accordingly so as to fit properly.

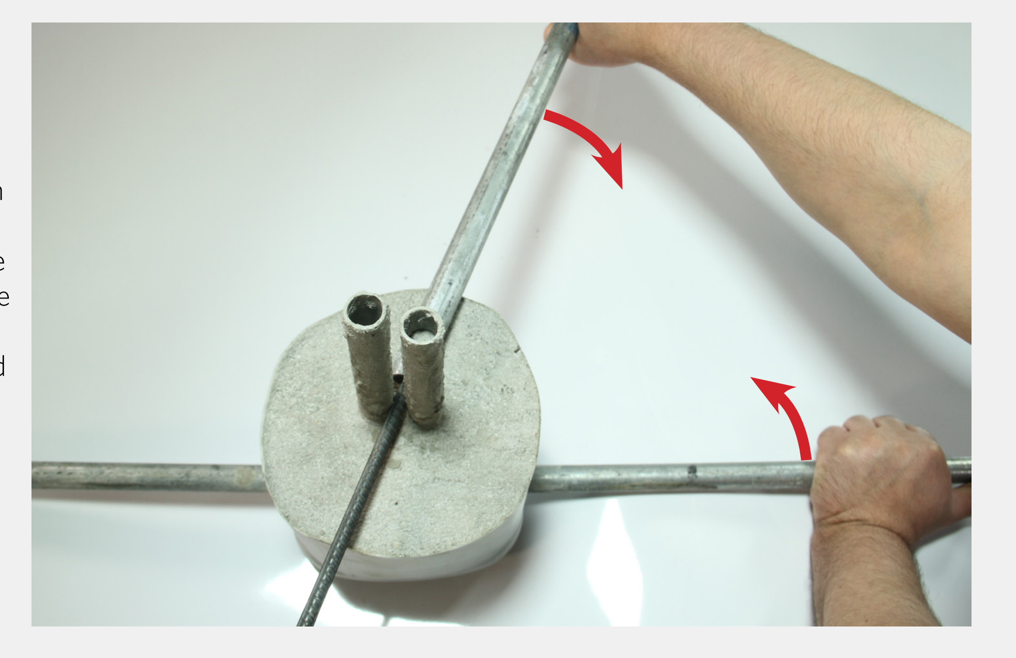


8 - We then leave the cement to completely dry as shown above.

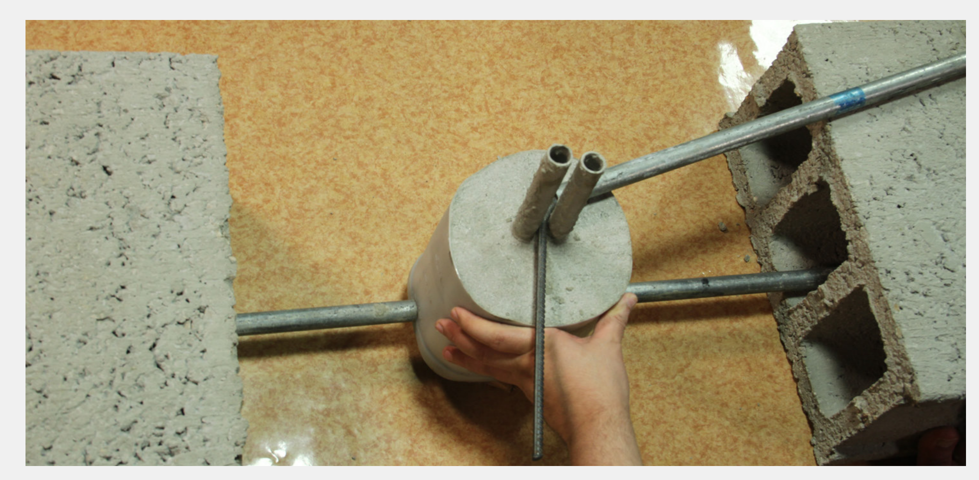


9 - Place the rebar that needs to be bent at the middle of the two pipes.

10 - We insert the rebar inside the 1/2 inch pipe until half length as shown in the picture left. Then we begin by bending the rebar with one hand while the other hand pushes the lower pipe to the opposite direction.



11 - Or you can hold firm the lower pipe by placing concrete blocks on each end of the pipe. or by burying it in the ground so as to stay firm.



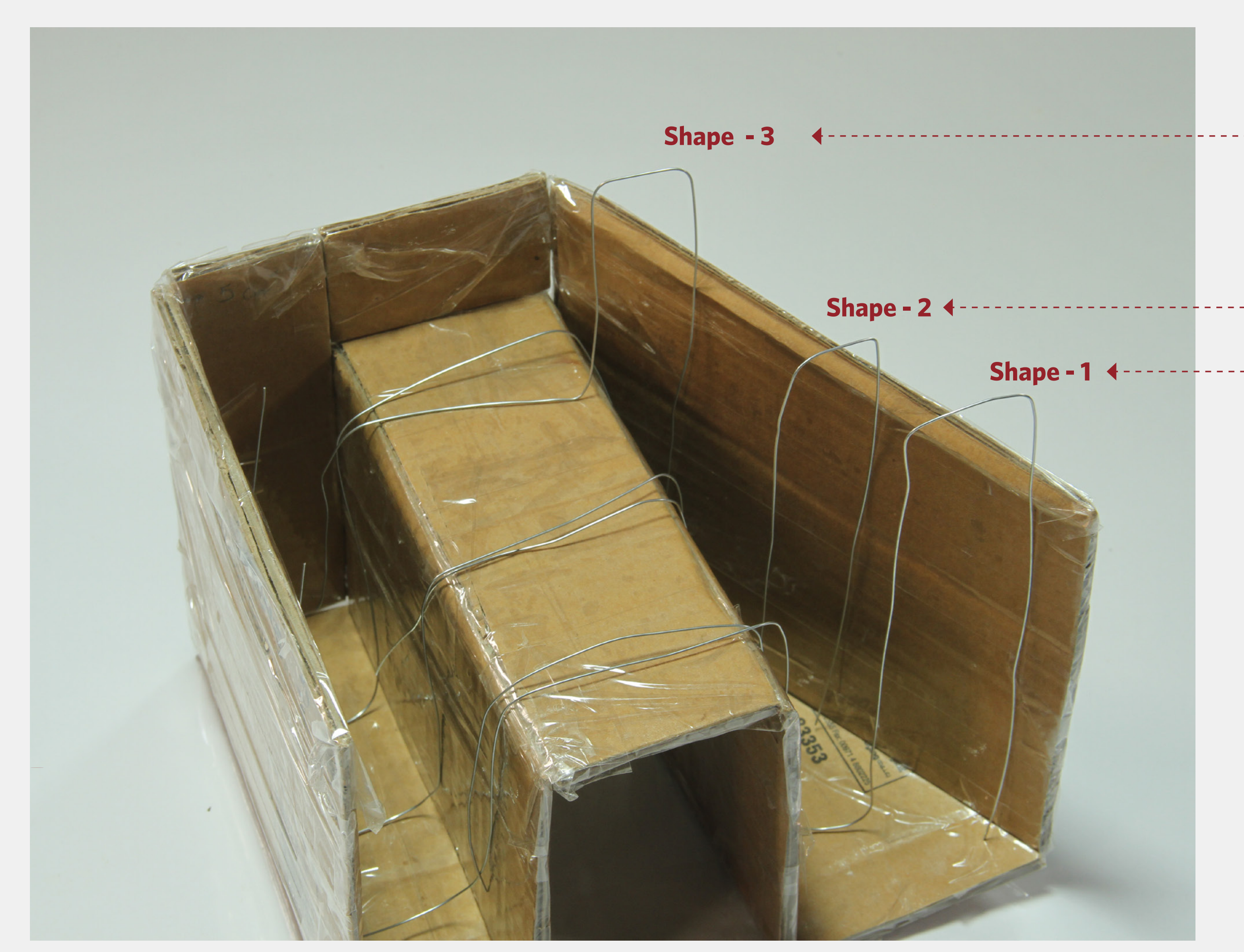
## b STAGE 2 Preparing the measurements of the rebar and their shape in the mold.



1 - We will need a flexible iron wire as shown above.



2 - We then mold the flexible iron to form a desired shape for the mold. As shown below.



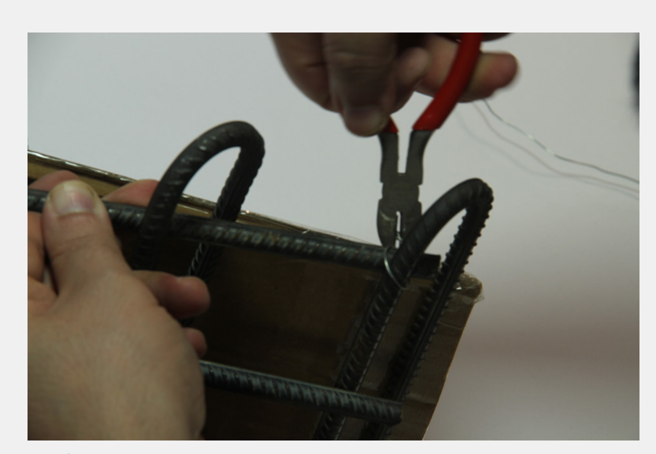

3 - We remove the wires and use them as measurement and for shaping the 6mm rebar.



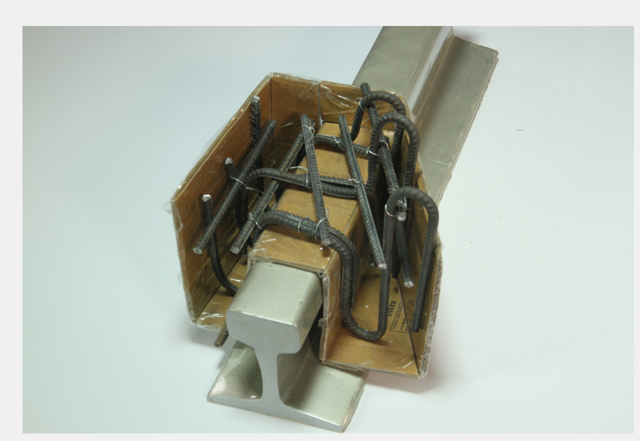

4 - Using the measurements and shape of the flexible wires together with the skills for cutting and bending the 6mm rebar, we shape it as shown in the images left.



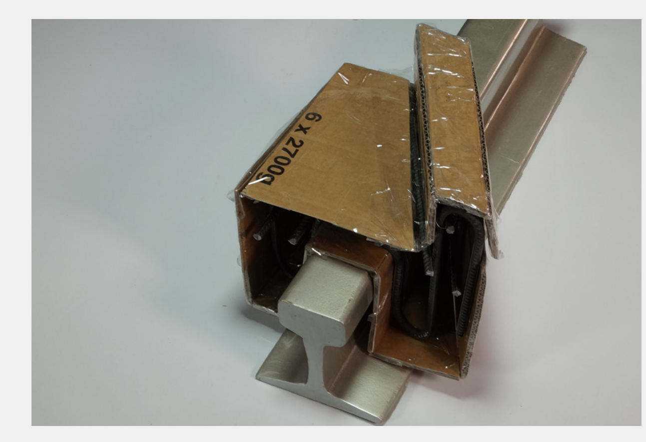
5 - We then insert the shaped rebar inside the cast as shown above.



6 - We then join the 6mm rebar using the flexible iron.



7 - This is how the final output will look like after placing the rebars in the mold.



8 - We cover the mold using cardboards base upon the shape of the rebarsr, as shown above.

# 3 SCREWS FOR HOLDING FIRM THE DERAIL TOOL



We use a type of screw that is strong, as the one shown above.



we insert 4 screws, two on each side of the cardboard mold as shown above.

# 4 PREPARING THE MIXTURE FOR THE REINFORCED CONCRETE



The concrete mixture will be composed of cement, gravel, sand and water.

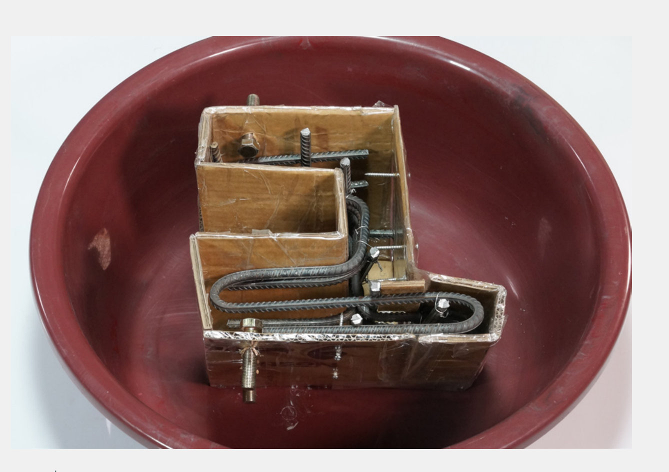


We will be using this container in measuring the mixture ratios.

1 - Usually reinforced concrete mixture ratios vary based upon what it is used for. In our case we will be using the following mixture ratio.

| Water | + | Cement | + | Sand | + | Gravel |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.5 | | 1.5 | | 2.25 | | 3.5 |

**CASTING THE CONCRETE INTO THE MOLD:**



2 - Place the mold in a wide container as shown above.



3 - We surround the mold with sand so as to strengthen it when pouring concrete inside.



4 - We mix the four ingredients in a separate container.



5 - We then pour the mixture inside the mold as shown above.

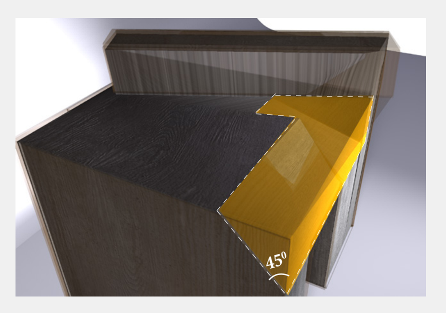
**NOTE:** Whenever you pour concrete inside the mold, you should press it inside and shake the container well so that it can reach the bottom without leaving any gaps.

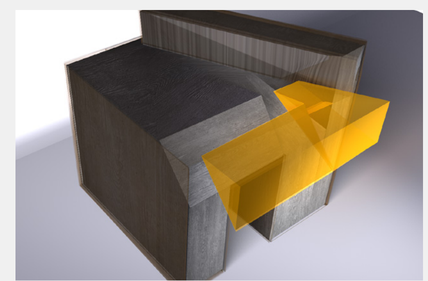


6 - After 30 minutes the concrete begins to solidify, at this stage we can cut and shape it accordingly.



7 - We remove some of the concrete so as to achieve the required shape (view below for more details on the shape)





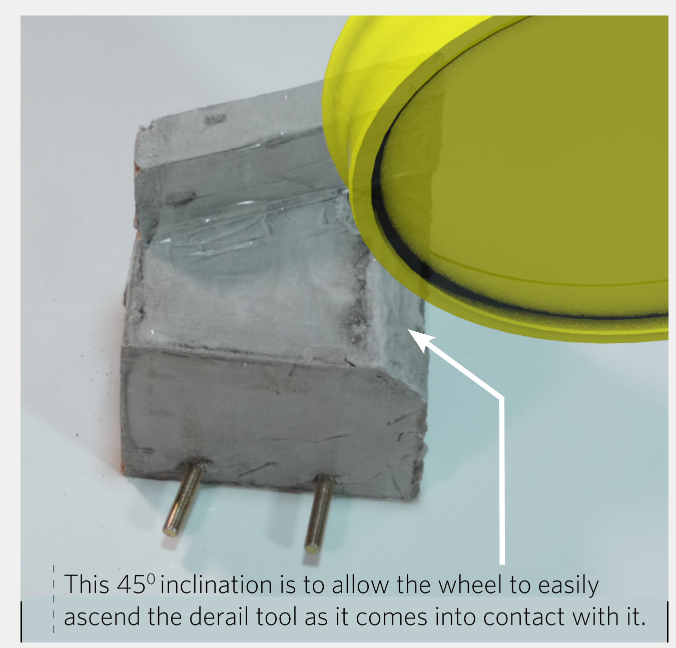
3D illustration of the section to be curved out.

8 - We let it dry for 2 days, after that we remove the cardboard mold.

**NOTE:**
After the concrete solidifies and dries completely, spray it with water on a daily bases away from direct sunlight for a period of one month. This is so as to allow it to solidify and strengthen even more.



This part of the derail allows the protruding inner wheel of the train to ascend with ease.

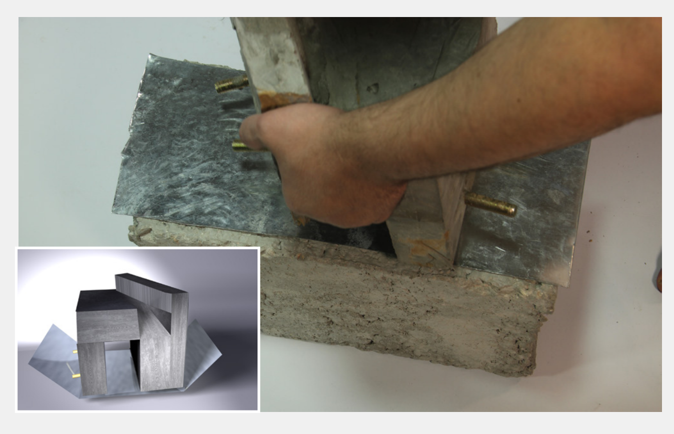


This 45° inclination is to allow the wheel to easily ascend the derail tool as it comes into contact with it.

# 5 PREPARING SHEET METAL FOR HOLDING FIRM THE DERAIL TOOL ON THE RAIL.



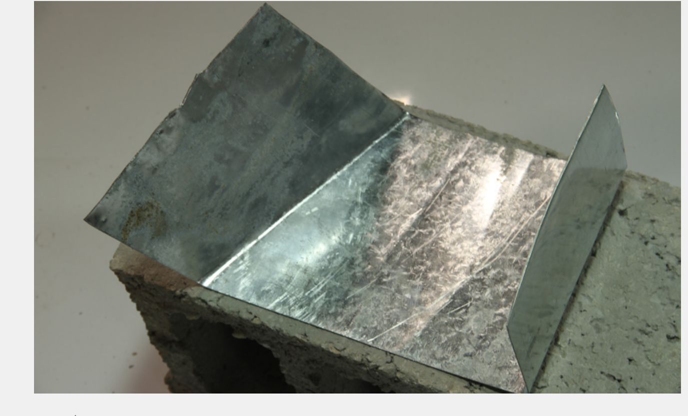
1 - We will be using a 30 cm by 5cm relatively hard sheet metal. Make sure that it can be easily folded by hand.



2 - We place the derail tool on top of the sheet metal so as to mark the areas to fold.



3 - We then fold the marked areas as shown above, using a concrete block.



4 - This is the shape of the sheet metal after being fold.



5 - We pierce the sheet metal in the areas where the screws for holding the derail are placed. And we do this by using ordinary nails and piercing them through the sheet metal.



6 - You can use a drill to ease this process.

## HOW TO HOLD FIRM THE DERAIL TOOL ON THE RAIL USING THE SHEET METAL.



7 - We insert the sheet metal underneath the rail then insert the screws through the holes we made.



8 - We then fasten the nut in the bolt.

**NOTE:** If the Sheet metal seems to be weak and you fear that it might tear up due to the force of the train, then you might add more sheet metal on top of it.

# 6 SUPPLEMENT PROCEDURES

These are not primary steps in making the derail tool, but they make it better and improve on it.

They are mainly two steps:

## a COVERING THE DERAIL TOOL WITH SHEET METAL.

Importance of covering the derail tool with sheet metal from the outside is to increase the structural strength of the derail tool, and another importance is to help to increase the skidding of the train wheel away from the rail.



1 - Here we use a thin, light and flexible sheet metal.



2 - We begin by covering the derail tool with the sheet metal from the top, as shown in the figure above.



3 - We use shears to cut extra sheet metal, as shown above.



4 - We then apply epoxy adhesive at the inner side of the sheet metal.



5 - We apply tape on the sheet metal so as to allow it to hold firm. After it has dried we remove the tape.

## b LINING THE DERAIL TOOL WITH RUBBER.

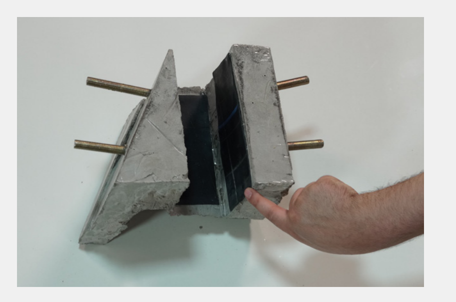
Importance of the rubber is to make the derail tool stay firm as it comes into contact with the train and another reason is to fill any gaps that might exist between the derail tool and the rail, thus helping it to be firmly fixed.



1- We will be using the inner tube rubber of a tire.



2- We apply epoxy adhesive on one side of the rubber.



3- We finally fit the rubber to the derail tool as shown above.




Finally the derail tool placed on a rail (in our case a model of a real sized rail).











# Field Tactics

## Derail Tool

External Operations Reconnaissance Team

Trains differ from one another and are mainly categorized based on their speed. High-Speed trains are mainly found in developed countries while normal speed trains are commonly found in most countries. Many developed countries have dedicated railway lines for the high-speed trains, which have some adjustments in their design. However, many high-speed trains in some developed countries use the same railway lines as normal trains. And so, it is possible to use the same derail tool in derailing any of the two types of trains. Among the high-speed trains in America is Acela, in Britain it is the Class 395 'Javelin' and in France the TGV

Whenever the speed of the train increases, the probability of it being involved in an accident by derailing from the tracks is much higher. And amongst the important things one should note is that mere derailing of a train from the tracks does not cause a devastating accident by itself. In reality most of the accidents that involve trains derailing from the tracks do not cause extensive damage in loss of life or property. 2010 records show that there were around 500 derails in America. The damage cost was little compared to other accidents of the same year. The main reason being that most of the derails were caused by railroad management or the train driver himself. Despite of this, we do not belittle the damage that can be caused as a result of derails. This is because there



are situations when the damage caused by derailing to be much higher than other accidents. Just to give an impression of the damage that can be caused by derail accidents; between 1995 and 2015 the average damage caused by train accidents amounted to 5.6 billion dollars. 4 billion dollars of that was caused by train derail accidents.

## CONDITIONS THAT LEAD TO EXECUTING A SUCCESSFUL DERAIL OPERATION:

### 1. HIGH SPEED

This is the most suited condition for a successful train derail operation. When a train reaches high speed then it has to be reduced to around 100 km/h. This is because a train at a very high speed is hard to control or manage using brakes. For example America's high-speed train 'Acela' requires a whole mile so that it can come to a halt, this is because of the train's very high speed. Another reason is that the train losses weight and stability when it is at high speeds.

Therefore a Mujahid must be aware of areas where the train increases its speed and places where the train moves at a high speed. Generally trains try to reach high speeds when they travel, but there are situations where they are forced to reduce speed, these include:

- On a bend and specifically a sharp corner.
- When the train reaches residential or large populated areas.
- So as to allow another train to pass by (in level crossings or intersections).
- When changing lanes or in intersections.

### 2. OVERCOMING THE SECURITY MEASURES

It is practically impossible to secure the entire railroad in America. With this in mind, the railroad management staff still have some security measures placed so as to protect it. For example, they regularly deploy a rail inspection car on the railroad so as to inspect the rails. Therefore, for the Lone Mujahid to overcome this security measure, it will be appropriate for him to place the derail tool on the rails approximately 10 minutes before the train passes by. And it will therefore be important for the Mujahid to be well aware of the timing and schedule of the train, with great details. He must know the details of the schedule and route the targeted train will take. Such information is widely and publicly available for all.

### 3. AFTERMATH OF A DERAIL

There are two primary situations, if present, can cause devastating damage when the train derails from the tracks.



## 1 / THE FIRST ONE IS COLLISION

If the derail tool were to be placed besides a huge structure (building, bridge etc), then this might make the train collide with the structure after derailing. The damage could be devastating, especially when the train is moving at a very high speed.

#### A - COLLISION WITH NATURAL BODIES, SUCH AS MOUNTAINS.

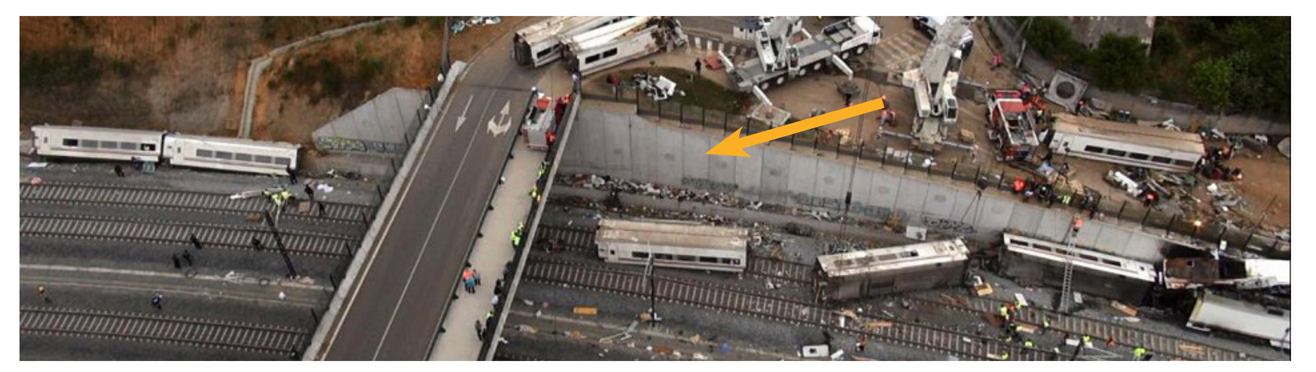


- If this train were to collide with the mountain, this will attain the desired result.

#### B - COLLISION WITH MAN-MADE STRUCTURES, SUCH AS BUILDINGS, BRIDGES AND TUNNELS.



- If the train were to derail to the left, then it will collide with the bridge.



- This accident occurred when the train derailed and collided with bridge structure.

## 2 / DERAILING FROM HIGH GROUND.

#### A - FALLING OFF FROM VERY HIGH PLACES



- An example of an area where a train can fall from a very high place

#### B - FALLING FROM A SLIGHTLY ELEVATED PLACE.

Damage caused from this type of derail will be due to the train cars as they fall to the ground from such a distance.



- An example of a train on a slightly elevated area.



► This train overturned when it derailed from a slightly elevated area.

## DUAL OPERATION FROM A SINGLE DERAIL

It is a derail operation where there is destruction to the train and the surrounding where the train derailed. Such an operation can be realized in the following situations:

1. Derailment in high populated areas.
2. Derailing a train carrying hazardous materials in a populated area.

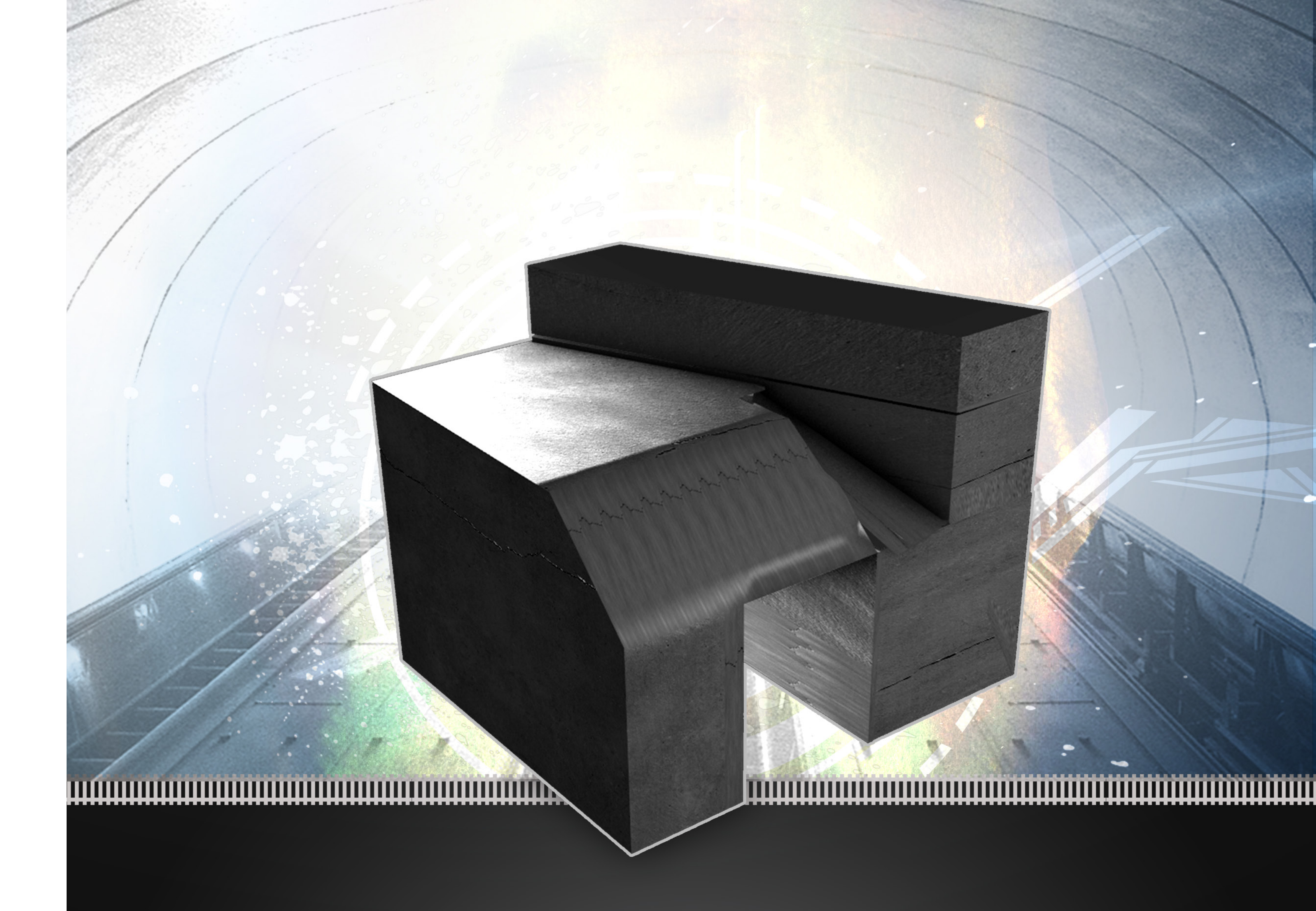


The second type, derailment of trains with hazardous materials (HAZMAT), is an issue that makes the different security agencies sleepless. The transportation committee in America drafted a report after the events of 9/11 , in which they mentioned the reality of this breach and how difficult it is to control. They declared that 83 million tons of hazardous materials is annually transported by trains in America. And that these trains pass through major U.S. cities and thousands of small towns which are located across the railroad tracks.

Information concerning the transportation of these hazardous materials can always be found on the public domain; or by observing and surveilling the movements of these Hazmat trains.

Next we will be talking about the movement of passenger trains across different regions in the U.S.





## WHAT DISTINGUISHES THIS FORM OF WEAPON

- Easy to design.
- The operation is not a martyrdom op. thus it can be repeated.
- Easy to hide your tracks from forensics after the operation.
- Causes great impact on the economy.
- The enemy is confused and disoriented with this new kind of attack
- The security agencies will be puzzled and confused to finding a solution for this problem.






# PASSENGER TRAIN ROUTES IN AMERICA

## FROM NEW YORK TO CALIFORNIA.

New York -> Chicago -> Seattle -> Los Angeles, a very long journey which covers 5,731 km. and lasts for 5 days. It moves from the Eastern Atlantic coastline via the Rocky Mount to Seattle on the far North West and then descends down to Los Angeles. Throughout its journey, the train passes by mountains, plains, riverbanks and lakes. A sight seeing journey for most of the passengers.

Every train has a unique name. For example, the route from New York to Chicago is by the train named, LAKE SHORE LIMITED. Then one boards another train to Seattle named EMPIRE BUILER. And the journey to Los Angeles is completed by the train COAST STARLIGHT.

## HERE ARE SOME OF THE MAIN TRAIN ROUTES IN THE US:

► **THE ACELA EXPRESS** is a passenger train between Washington D.C., and Boston via 14 intermediate stops including Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York City. Acela Express trains are the fastest trainsets in the Americas; the highest speed they attain is 150 mph (240 km/h).

► **THE AMTRAK CASCADES** is a passenger train that runs 156 miles (251 km) from Vancouver, British Columbia south to Seattle, Washington, continuing 310 miles (500 km) south via Portland, Oregon to Eugene, Oregon. Two daily trains travel to and from Vancouver, with Seattle or Portland as its starting or ending point.

► **THE CARDINAL** is a long distance passenger train, only three times per week. It departs from New York Penn Station on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to reach Chicago Union Station via Philadelphia; Washington, D.C.; Charlottesville, Virginia; Charleston, West Virginia; Cincinnati; and Indianapolis. Trains leave Chicago on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The length of the route is 26½ hours.

► **THE CAROLINIAN** is a daily passenger train that runs between Charlotte, North Carolina and New York City. The train operates over the Northeast Corridor between New York and Washington, D.C. Intermediate stops in North Carolina include Rocky Mount, Wilson, Selma, Raleigh, Cary, Durham, Burlington, Greensboro, High Point, Salisbury, and Kannapolis.

► **THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS** is a nightly passenger train between Chicago, Illinois and New Orleans, Louisiana. The train currently operates on a 19½-hour schedule.

► **THE COAST STARLIGHT** is a passenger train operated on the West Coast of the United States. It runs from King Street Station in Seattle, Washington, to Union Station in Los Angeles, California. Major stops include Portland and Eugene, Oregon; and Sacramento, Emeryville (for San Francisco), Oakland, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara, California. The journey takes 35 hours and there is one daily.

► **THE CRESCENT** is a passenger train that operates daily between Pennsylvania Station in New York City and New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Crescent passes through more states (including the District of Columbia).

► **THE EMPIRE BUILDER** is a passenger train carrying more than 500,000 passengers a year. Runs from Chicago, Illinois, to the Pacific Northwest. The line splits in Spokane, Washington, terminating at Seattle, Washington's King Street Station in the north and Portland, Oregon's Union Station in the south. The train passes through Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon..

► **THE PACIFIC SURFLINER** is a passenger train serving the communities on the coast of Southern California between San Diego and San Luis Obispo through Los Angeles

► **THE PALMETTO** is a passenger train service operated from New York City south to Savannah, Georgia via the Northeast Corridor to Washington, DC, then via Richmond, Virginia, Fayetteville, North Carolina and Charleston, South Carolina. One journey a week.

► **THE SILVER METEOR** is a passenger train operated between New York City and Miami, Florida through Charleston and Orlando. One journey a week.

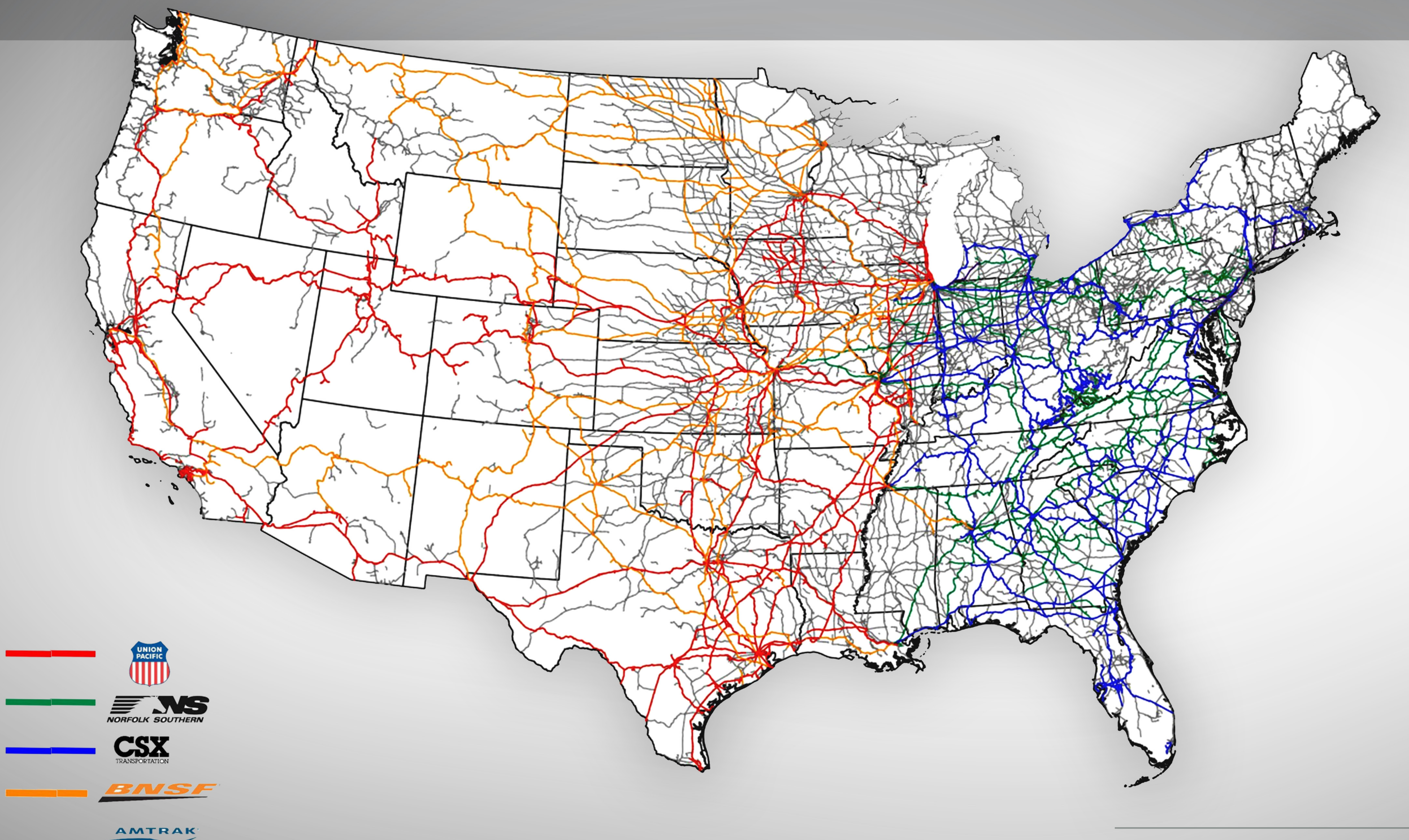
► **THE SILVER STAR** is passenger train, running from New York City south to Miami, Florida via the Northeast Corridor to Washington, DC, then via: Richmond, Virginia; Raleigh, North Carolina; Columbia, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; Jacksonville, Florida; Orlando, Florida; and Tampa. One journey a week.

► **THE SOUTHWEST CHIEF** is passenger train. It runs from Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles, California, passing through Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. One journey a week.

► **THE SUNSET LIMITED** is a passenger train between New Orleans, Louisiana, and Los Angeles, California through San Antonio, Texas. There are three journeys a week.

► **THE TEXAS EAGLE** is passenger train run daily between Chicago, Illinois, and San Antonio, Texas, and continue to Los Angeles, California, total, three days a week.

# #MAP: US RAILROAD LINES BY OWNERSHIP




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